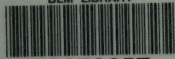


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# CONVERSION FACTORS

Multiply	By	To obtain
acre-foot	1,233	cubic meter
foot	0.3048	meter
gallon per minute	0.06308	liter per second
inch	25.4	millimeter
mile	1.609	kilometer
square mile	2.590	square kilometer

Chemical concentration is reported only in metric units—milligrams per liter. For concentrations less than 7,000 milligrams per liter, the numerical value is about the same as for concentrations in parts per million.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**Acre-foot**—The quantity of water required to cover 1 acre to a depth of 1 foot; equal to 43,560 cubic feet or about 326,000 gallons or 1,233 cubic meters.

**Aquifer**—A geologic formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that contains sufficient saturated permeable material to yield substantial amounts of water to wells and springs.

**Artesian**—Describes a well in which the water level stands above the top of the aquifer tapped by the well (confined). A flowing artesian well is one in which the water level is above the land surface.

**Dissolved**—Material in a representative water sample that passes through a 0.45-micrometer membrane filter. This is a convenient operational definition used by Federal agencies that collect water data. Determinations of “dissolved” constituents are made on subsamples of the filtrate.

**Land-surface datum (lsd)**—A datum plane that is approximately at land surface at each ground-water observation well.

**Milligrams per liter**—A unit for expressing the concentration of chemical constituents in solution. Milligrams per liter represents the mass of solute per unit volume (liter) of water.

**Specific conductance**—A measure of the ability of water to conduct an electrical current. It is expressed in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 degrees Celsius. Specific conductance is related to the type and concentration of ions in solution and can be used for approximating the dissolved-solids concentration of the water. Commonly, the concentration of dissolved solids (in milligrams per liter) is about 65 percent of the specific conductance (in microsiemens). This relation is not constant in water from one well or stream to another, and it may vary for the same source with changes in the composition of the water.

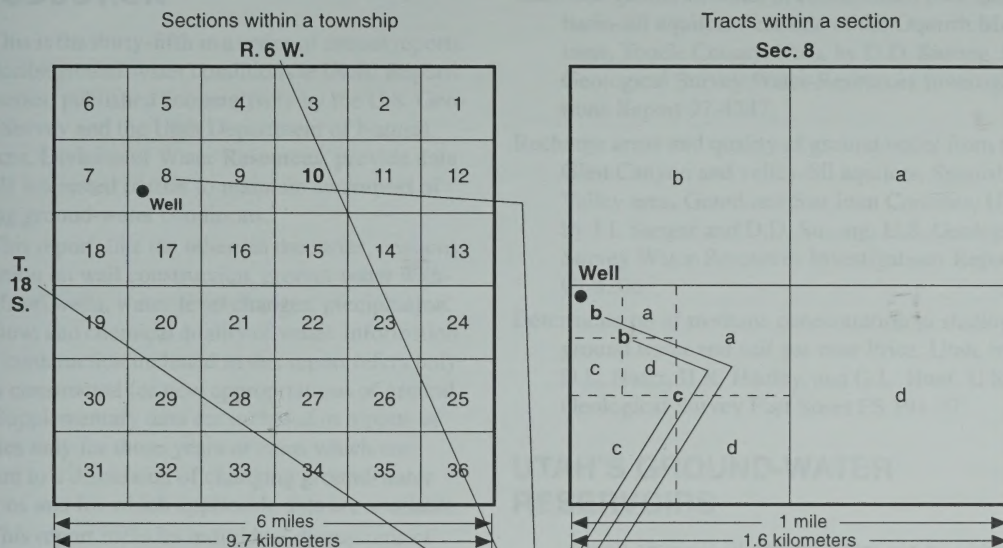
**Cumulative departure from average annual precipitation**—A graph of the departure or difference between the average annual precipitation and the value of precipitation for each year, plotted cumulatively. A cumulative plot is generated by adding the departure from average precipitation for the current year to the sum of departure values for all previous years in the period of record. A positive departure, or greater-than-average precipitation, for a year results in a graph segment trending upward; a negative departure results in a graph segment trending downward. A generally downward-trending graph for a period of years represents a period of generally less-than-average precipitation, which commonly causes and correlates with declining water levels in wells. Likewise, a generally upward-trending graph for a period of years represents a period of greater-than-average precipitation, which commonly causes and correlates with rising water levels in wells. However, increases or decreases in withdrawals of ground water from wells also affect water levels and can change or eliminate the correlation between water levels in wells and the graph of cumulative departure from average precipitation.



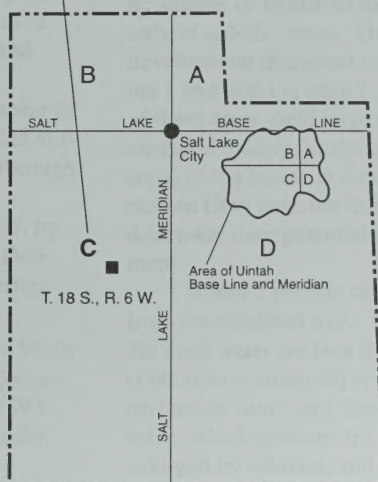
# WELL-NUMBERING SYSTEM

The well-numbering system used in Utah is based on the Bureau of Land Management's system of land subdivision. The well-numbering system is familiar to most water users in Utah, and the well number shows the location of the well by quadrant, township, range, section, and position within the section. Well numbers for most of the State are derived from the Salt Lake Base Line and the Salt Lake Meridian. Well numbers for wells located inside the area of the Uintah Base Line and Meridian are designated in the same manner as those based on the Salt Lake Base Line and Meridian, with the addition of the "U" preceding the parentheses. The numbering system is illustrated below.

## INTRODUCTION



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# GROUND-WATER CONDITIONS IN UTAH,

## SPRING OF 1998

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### INTRODUCTION

This is the thirty-fifth in a series of annual reports that describe ground-water conditions in Utah. Reports in this series, published cooperatively by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, provide data to enable interested parties to maintain awareness of changing ground-water conditions.

This report, like the others in the series, contains information on well construction, ground-water withdrawal from wells, water-level changes, precipitation, streamflow, and chemical quality of water. Information on well construction included in this report refers only to wells constructed for new appropriations of ground water. Supplementary data are included in reports of this series only for those years or areas which are important to a discussion of changing ground-water conditions and for which applicable data are available.

This report includes individual discussions of selected significant areas of ground-water development in the State for calendar year 1997. Most of the reported data were collected by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Divisions of Water Rights and Water Resources.

The following reports deal with ground water in the State and were printed by the U.S. Geological Survey or by cooperating agencies from May 1997 through April 1998:

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### UTAH'S GROUND-WATER RESERVOIRS

Small amounts of ground water can be obtained from wells throughout most of Utah, but large amounts that are of suitable chemical quality for irrigation, public supply, or industrial use generally can be obtained only in specific areas. The areas of ground-water development discussed in this report are shown in figure 1 and listed in table 1. Relatively few wells outside of these areas yield large amounts of water of suitable chemical quality for the uses listed above, although some of the basins in western Utah and many areas in eastern Utah have not been explored sufficiently to determine their potential for ground-water development.

About 2 percent of the wells in Utah yield water from consolidated rock. Consolidated rocks that yield the most water are lava flows, such as basalt, which contain interconnected vesicular openings, fractures, or permeable weathered zones at the tops of flows; limestone, which contains fractures or other openings enlarged by solution; and sandstone, which contains open fractures. Most of the wells that penetrate consol-

idated rock are in the eastern and southern parts of the State in areas where water cannot be obtained readily from unconsolidated deposits.

About 98 percent of the wells in Utah yield water from unconsolidated deposits. These deposits may consist of boulders, gravel, sand, silt, or clay, or a mixture of some or all of these materials. The largest yields are obtained from coarse materials that are sorted into deposits of uniform grain size. Most wells that yield water from unconsolidated deposits are in large intermountain basins that have been partly filled with rock material eroded from the adjacent mountains.

## SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

The total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Utah during 1997 was about 803,000 acre-feet (table 2), which is about 55,000 acre-feet less than the total for 1996 and 56,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (table 3).

Withdrawal in 1997 for irrigation, public supply, and domestic and stock use, decreased from the 1996 totals, and withdrawal for industrial use increased. Total estimated withdrawal for irrigation was about 469,000 acre-feet (table 2), which is 44,000 acre-feet less than the 1996 estimate and represents the largest decrease in the categories. Total estimated withdrawal for public supply decreased about 9,000 acre-feet from about 219,000 acre-feet in 1996 to an estimated 210,000 acre-feet in 1997. Total estimated withdrawal for industrial use was about 60,000 acre-feet, which is equal to the revised estimated withdrawal for 1996, and the total estimated withdrawal for domestic and stock

use was about 63,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet less than for 1996.

Ground-water withdrawal decreased from 1996 to 1997 in 10 of the 16 areas of ground-water development discussed in this report (table 2). Withdrawal in Salt Lake Valley and in the Beryl-Enterprise area decreased about 15,000 and 11,000 acre-feet, respectively, the largest decreases of the ground-water development areas. Withdrawal increased about 5,000 acre-feet in East Shore area and 2,000 acre-feet in Tooele Valley. The 1997 withdrawal was more than the average annual withdrawals for 1987-96 in 5 of the 16 areas.

The amount of water withdrawn from wells is related to demand and availability of water from other sources, which, in turn, are partly related to local climatic conditions. Precipitation during calendar year 1997 at 29 of 31 weather stations included in this report (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1997) was greater than the long-term average. The largest positive departure from average in 1997 is the 9.26 inches recorded at Richfield, and the largest negative departure from average is the 0.07 inch recorded at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport in southwestern Utah.

A total of 757 wells were constructed for new appropriations of ground water in 1997, as determined by the Utah Division of Water Rights (table 2). This is one more well than was reported for 1996. In 1997, 112 large-diameter wells (12 inches or more) were constructed for new appropriations of ground water. These are principally for withdrawal of water for public supply, irrigation, and industrial use.



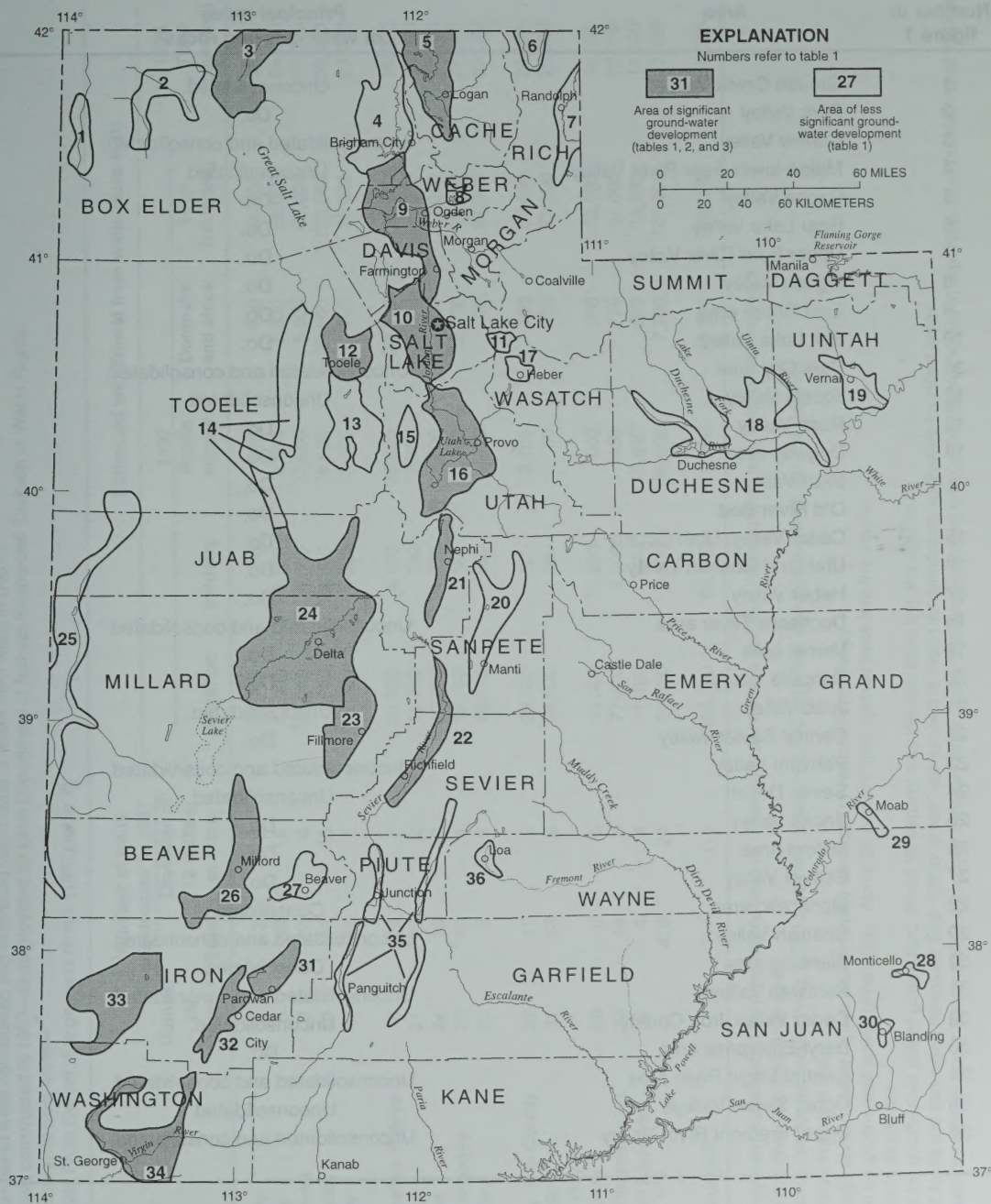


Figure 1. Areas of ground-water development in Utah specifically referred to in this report.

**Table 1.** Areas of ground-water development in Utah specifically referred to in this report

Number in figure 1	Area	Principal types of water-bearing rocks
1	Grouse Creek Valley	Unconsolidated.
2	Park Valley	Do.
3	Curlew Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
4	Malad-lower Bear River Valley	Unconsolidated.
5	Cache Valley	Do.
6	Bear Lake Valley	Do.
7	Upper Bear River Valley	Do.
8	Ogden Valley	Do.
9	East Shore area	Do.
10	Salt Lake Valley	Do.
11	Park City area	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
12	Tooele Valley	Unconsolidated.
13	Rush Valley	Do.
14	Dugway area	Do.
	Skull Valley	Do.
	Old River Bed	Do.
15	Cedar Valley, Utah County	Do.
16	Utah and Goshen Valleys	Do.
17	Heber Valley	Do.
18	Duchesne River area	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
19	Vernal area	Do.
20	Sanpete Valley	Do.
21	Juab Valley	Unconsolidated.
22	Central Sevier Valley	Do.
23	Pahvant Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
24	Sevier Desert	Unconsolidated.
25	Snake Valley	Do.
26	Milford area	Do.
27	Beaver Valley	Do.
28	Monticello area	Consolidated.
29	Spanish Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
30	Blanding area	Consolidated.
31	Parowan Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
32	Cedar Valley, Iron County	Unconsolidated.
33	Beryl-Enterprise area	Do.
34	Central Virgin River area	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
35	Upper Sevier Valleys	Unconsolidated.
36	Upper Fremont River Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.



**Table 2.** Number of wells constructed and estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Utah  
Number of wells constructed in 1997—Data provided by Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Rights.  
Estimated withdrawal from wells—  
1996 total: From Gerner, Steiger, and others (1997, table 2).

	<sup>1</sup> Number of wells constructed in 1997			Estimated withdrawal from wells (acre-feet)					
	Number in figure 1	Diameter of 12 inches or more		Irrigation	Industry	1997			1996 Total (rounded)
		Total				Public supply	Domestic and stock	Total (rounded)	
Curlew Valley	3	2	0	35,700	0	180	100	36,000	39,000
Cache Valley	5	42	15	13,000	6,500	3,800	2,030	25,000	24,000
East Shore area	9	12	6	<sup>2</sup> 25,300	3,600	27,600	5,000	62,000	57,000
Salt Lake Valley	10	39	15	1,800	<sup>3</sup> 22,000	76,500	23,000	123,000	138,000
Tooele Valley	12	42	4	<sup>2</sup> 19,900	800	3,700	700	25,000	23,000
Utah and Goshen Valleys	16	66	7	34,900	5,100	35,600	20,200	96,000	99,000
Juab Valley	21	6	2	11,700	130	<sup>4</sup> 2,700	400	15,000	19,000
Sevier Desert	24	16	3	10,900	4,000	1,500	400	17,000	17,000
Central Sevier Valley	22	<sup>6</sup> 48	4	15,700	180	1,700	2,000	20,000	21,000
Pahvant Valley	23	3	3	66,200	<sup>6</sup> 550	570	100	67,000	83,000
Cedar Valley, Iron County	32	11	5	29,500	120	3,700	700	34,000	35,000
Parowan Valley	31	13	6	<sup>7</sup> 25,000	190	30	250	25,000	29,000
Escalante Valley									
Milford area	26	8	5	45,000	<sup>8</sup> 5,800	900	250	52,000	52,000
Beryl-Enterprise area	33	19	8	77,800	2,100	450	750	81,000	92,000
Central Virgin River area	34	4	4	1,400	70	15,800	250	18,000	17,000
Other areas <sup>9,10</sup>		426	24	54,800	9,300	35,600	7,200	107,000	113,000
Total (rounded)		757	111	468,600	60,400	210,300	63,300	803,000	858,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes only wells constructed for new appropriations. Previous reports also included replacement, test, and monitoring wells.

<sup>2</sup> Includes some domestic and stock use.

<sup>3</sup> Includes some use for air conditioning, 3,250 acre-feet, of which 2,590 acre-feet was injected back into the aquifer.

<sup>4</sup> Includes some industrial use.

<sup>5</sup> Includes wells constructed in upper Sevier Valley and upper Fremont River Valley.

<sup>6</sup> Withdrawal for geothermal power generation. About 85 percent was injected back into the aquifer.

<sup>7</sup> Includes some stock use.

<sup>8</sup> Withdrawal for geothermal power generation. About 99 percent was injected back into the aquifer.

<sup>9</sup> Withdrawal totals are estimated minimum. See "Other areas" section of this report for withdrawal estimates for other areas.

<sup>10</sup> Includes withdrawals for upper Sevier Valley and upper Fremont River Valley that were included with central Sevier Valley in reports prior to number 31 of this series.

**Table 3.** Total annual withdrawal of water from wells in significant areas of ground-water development in Utah, 1987-96  
[From previous reports of this series]

Area	Number in figure 1	Thousands of acre-feet										1987-96 average (rounded)
		1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Curlew Valley	3	29	34	29	43	37	44	35	41	31	39	36
Cache Valley	5	26	33	30	32	29	36	23	31	23	24	29
East Shore area	9	67	68	61	65	68	59	56	60	53	57	61
Salt Lake Valley	10	122	165	157	143	135	138	116	142	120	138	138
Tooele Valley	12	22	26	27	33	30	30	22	31	26	23	27
Utah and Goshen Valleys	16	104	113	121	129	124	141	89	114	77	99	111
Juab Valley	21	22	22	28	27	25	29	20	26	13	19	23
Sevier Desert	24	15	15	17	34	34	33	31	37	18	17	25
Central Sevier Valley <sup>1</sup>	22	18	17	18	18	18	19	19	20	20	21	19
Pahvant Valley	23	66	71	82	88	74	86	87	93	69	83	80
Cedar Valley, Iron County	32	21	20	28	30	34	34	33	34	31	35	30
Parowan Valley	31	22	20	29	31	32	31	28	30	24	29	28
Escalante Valley												
Milford area	26	44	40	46	48	54	42	50	61	48	52	49
Beryl-Enterprise area	33	97	88	85	86	79	72	78	86	70	92	83
Central Virgin River area	34	20	18	23	22	15	14	13	14	15	17	17
Other areas		79	95	100	111	111	120	94	113	97	113	103
Total		774	845	881	940	899	928	794	933	735	858	859

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 1991, included upper Sevier and upper Fremont River Valleys.



# MAJOR AREAS OF GROUND-WATER DEVELOPMENT

## CURLEW VALLEY

By J.D. Sory

The Curlew Valley drainage basin extends across the Utah-Idaho State line between latitude 40°41' and 42°30' north and longitude 112°30' and 113°20' west, and covers about 1,200 square miles. The valley is bounded on the west, north, and east by mountain ranges having altitudes ranging from about 6,500 to nearly 10,000 feet and is open to the south, where it drains into Great Salt Lake.

The Utah part of Curlew Valley (Utah subbasin) covers about 550 square miles. It is an arid to semiarid, largely uninhabited area, with community centers at Snowville and Kelton. Average annual precipitation in the Utah subbasin is less than 8 inches on part of the valley floor and reaches a maximum that exceeds 35 inches on one of the highest mountain peaks. The estimated total average volume of precipitation is about 332,000 acre-feet of water per year.

The principal source of water in the Utah subbasin is the ground-water reservoir in the valley fill. Confined aquifers in alluvial and lacustrine deposits and intercalated volcanic rocks in the valley fill yield several hundred to several thousand gallons of water per minute to individual large-diameter irrigation wells west of Snowville and near Kelton.

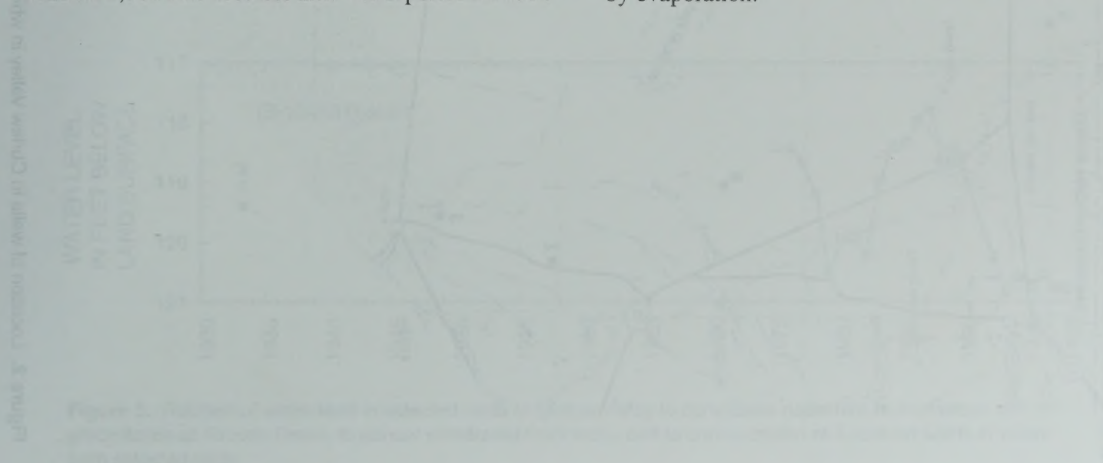
Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Curlew Valley in 1997 was about 36,000 acre-feet, which is 3,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 1996

and equal to the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in Curlew Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 2. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Grouse Creek, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells is shown in figure 3. Water levels in Curlew Valley during March generally rose from 1982 to 1987, a period of much-greater-than-average precipitation, and generally declined from 1987 to 1989. Water levels have continued to decline in the northwestern part of the valley, probably as a result of continuing pumpage. Water levels in other parts of the valley in March generally have remained stable or risen slightly since 1993.

Precipitation at Grouse Creek during 1997 was 11.99 inches, which is 1.12 inches less than in 1996 and 0.83 inch more than the average annual precipitation for 1959-97.

The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (B-14-9)5bbb-1, west of Snowville, remained the same as it was in 1996. The dissolved-solids concentration in water from the well north of Kelton, (B-12-11)4bcc-1, decreased slightly in 1997. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from both wells increased during 1972-94. This increase may be a result of recharge from unconsumed irrigation water in which dissolved solids have been concentrated by evaporation.



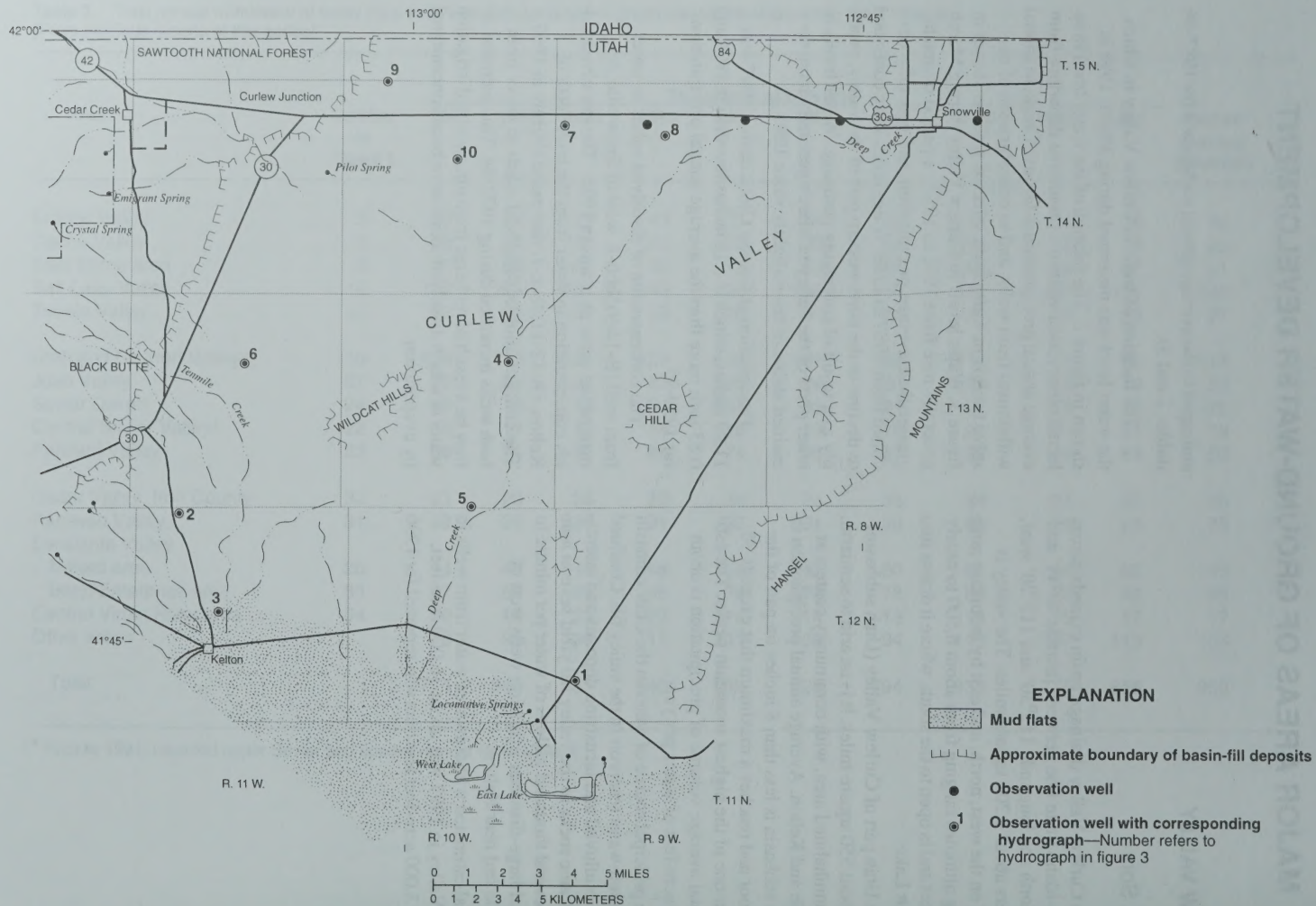
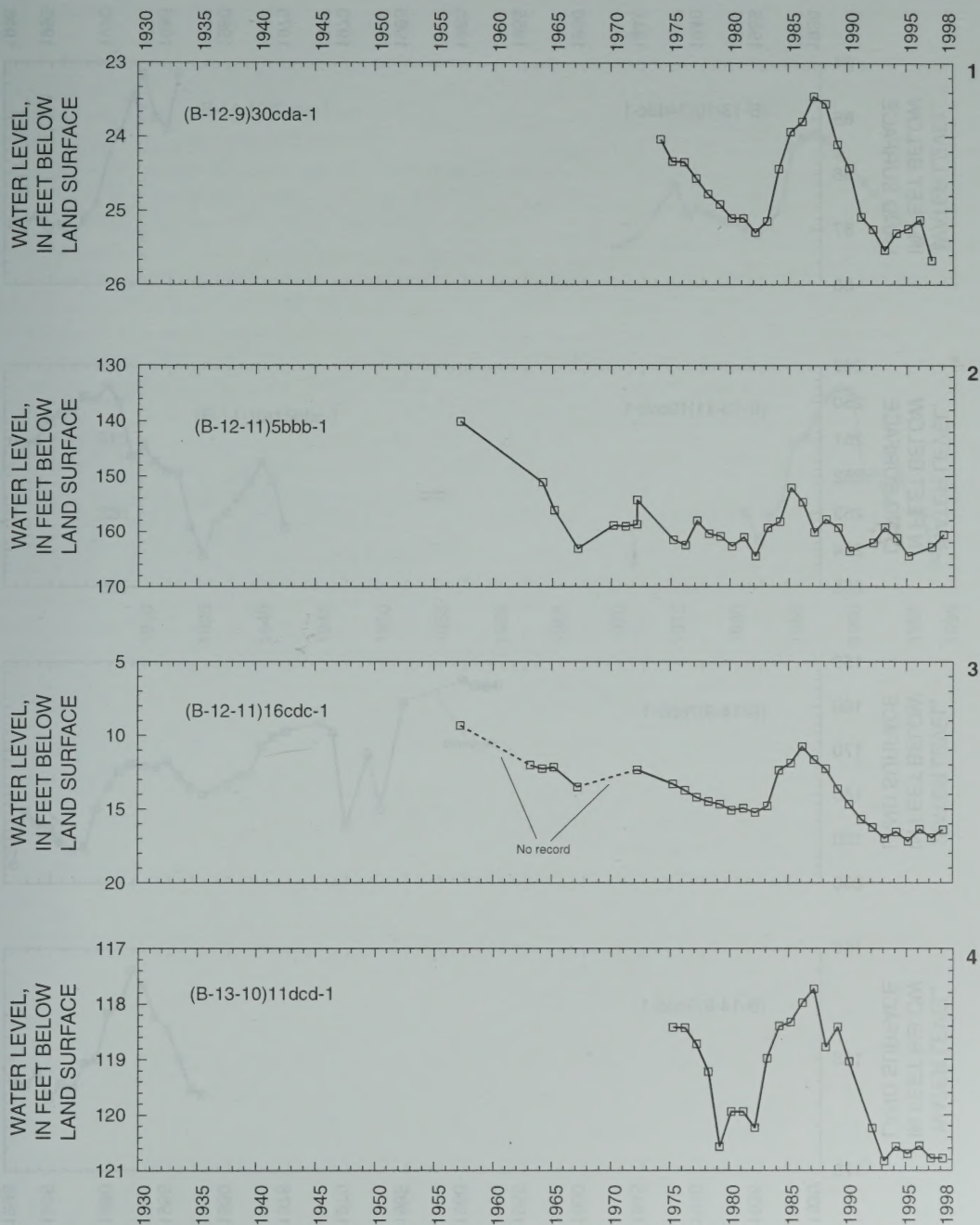
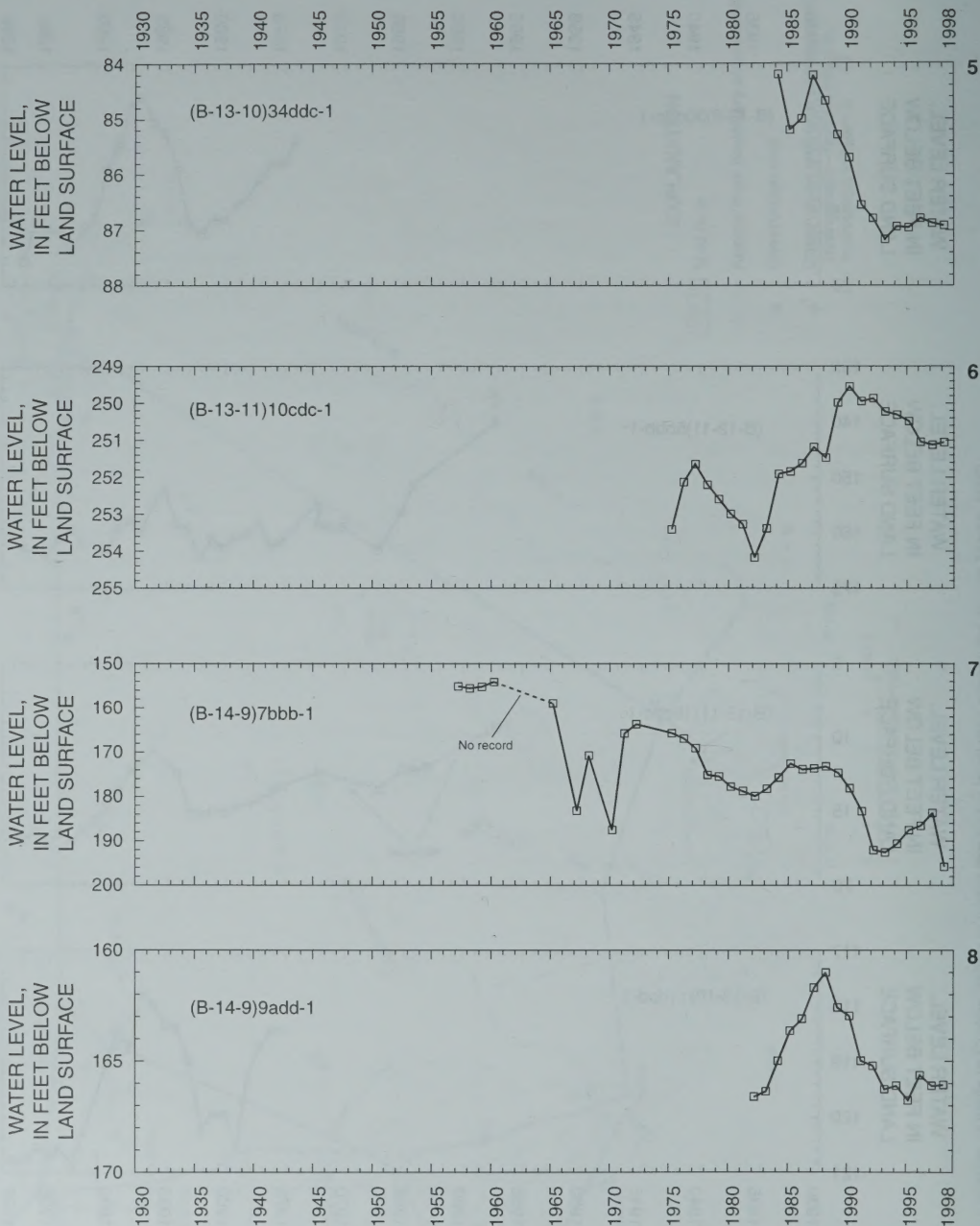


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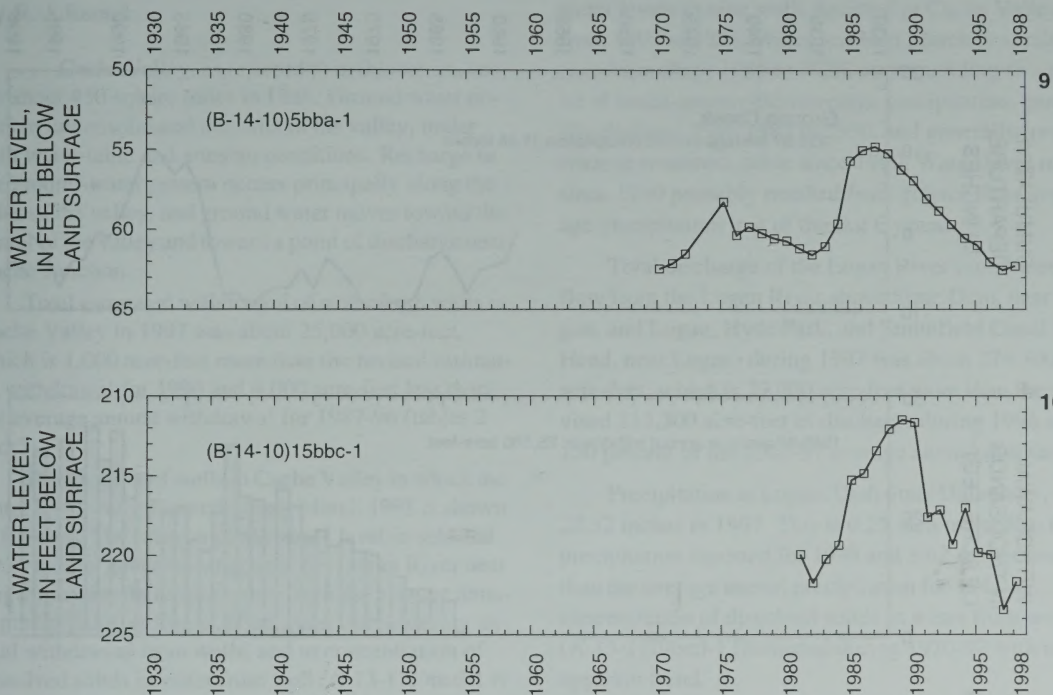


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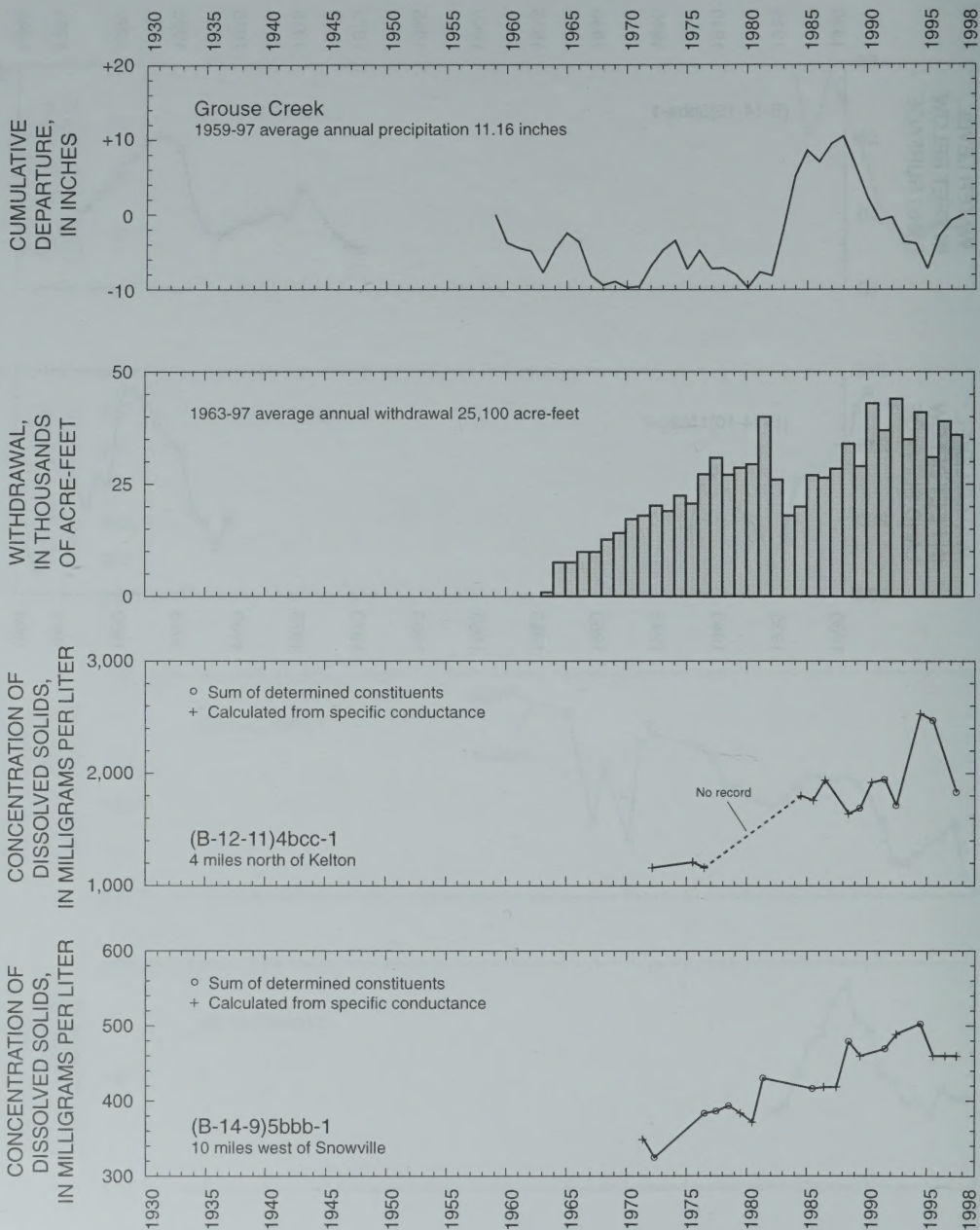


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## CACHE VALLEY

By R. J. Eacret

Cache Valley, as referred to in this report, covers about 450 square miles in Utah. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits in the valley, under both water-table and artesian conditions. Recharge to the ground-water system occurs principally along the sides of the valley, and ground water moves toward the center of the valley and toward a point of discharge near Cache Junction.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Cache Valley in 1997 was about 25,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet more than the revised estimated withdrawal for 1996 and 4,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in Cache Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 4. The relation of the water level in selected wells to total annual discharge of the Logan River near Logan, to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Logan, Utah State University, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (A-13-1)29bcd-1 is

shown in figure 5. Hydrographs of water levels measured in March from four wells show a general rise and water levels in nine wells declined in Cache Valley from 1997 to 1998. Water levels in March generally rose from about 1980 to 1985, corresponding to a period of much-greater-than-average precipitation, generally declined from 1985 to 1990, and generally have risen or remained stable since 1990. Water-level rises since 1990 probably resulted from greater-than-average precipitation in 4 of the last 6 years.

Total discharge of the Logan River (combined flow from the Logan River above State Dam, near Logan, and Logan, Hyde Park, and Smithfield Canal at Head, near Logan) during 1997 was about 274,300 acre-feet, which is 59,000 acre-feet more than the revised 215,300 acre-feet of discharge during 1996 and 150 percent of the 1941-97 average annual discharge.

Precipitation at Logan, Utah State University, was 22.32 inches in 1997. This is 0.25 inch more than the precipitation reported for 1996 and 3.62 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1941-97. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (A-13-1)29bcd-1 fluctuated during 1970-97 with no apparent trend.



Figure 5. Relation of water level in selected wells in Cache Valley to total annual discharge of the Logan River near Logan, Utah, and annual precipitation at Logan, Utah State University, and annual withdrawal from wells in Cache Valley from 1970 to 1997.

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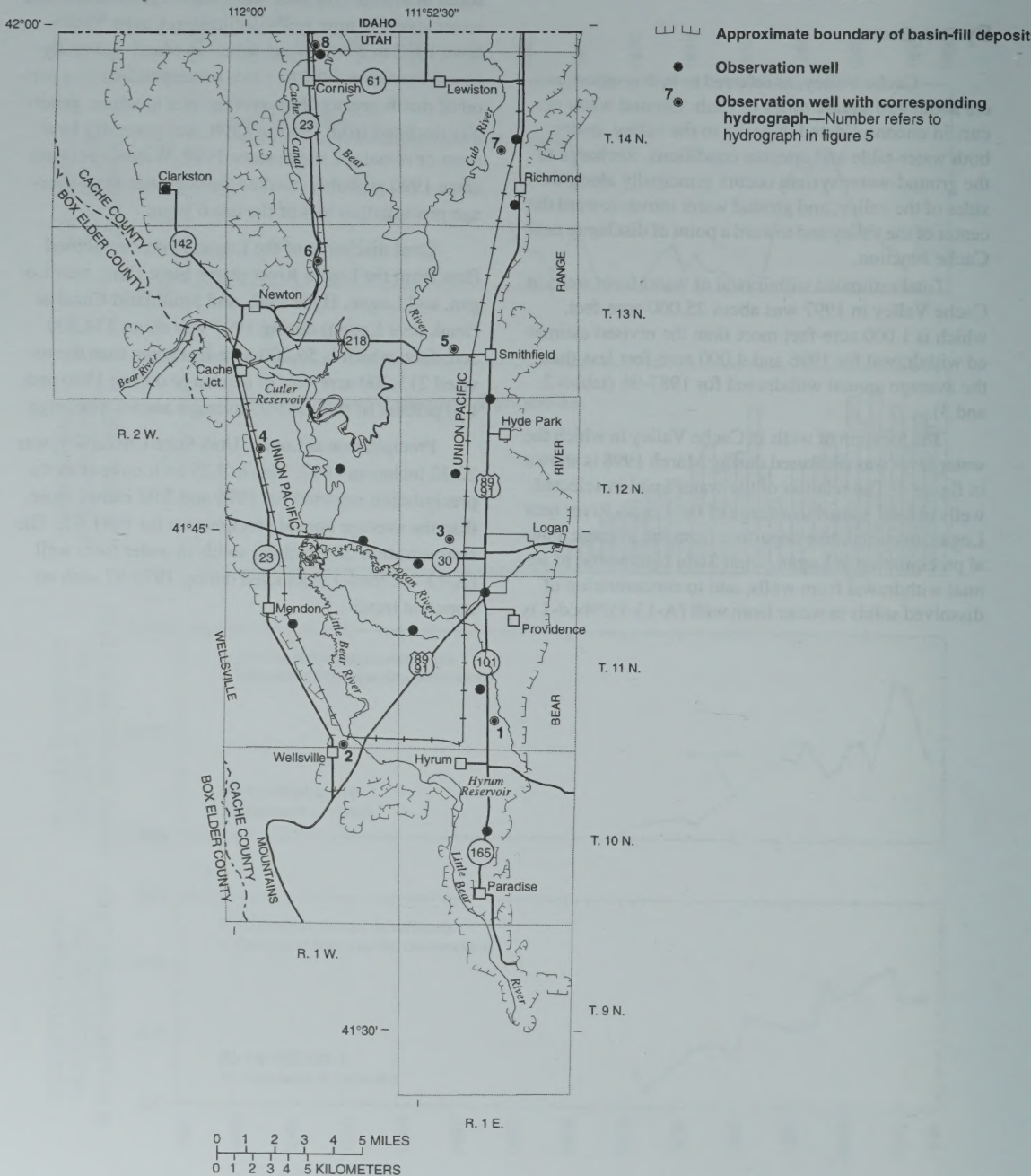
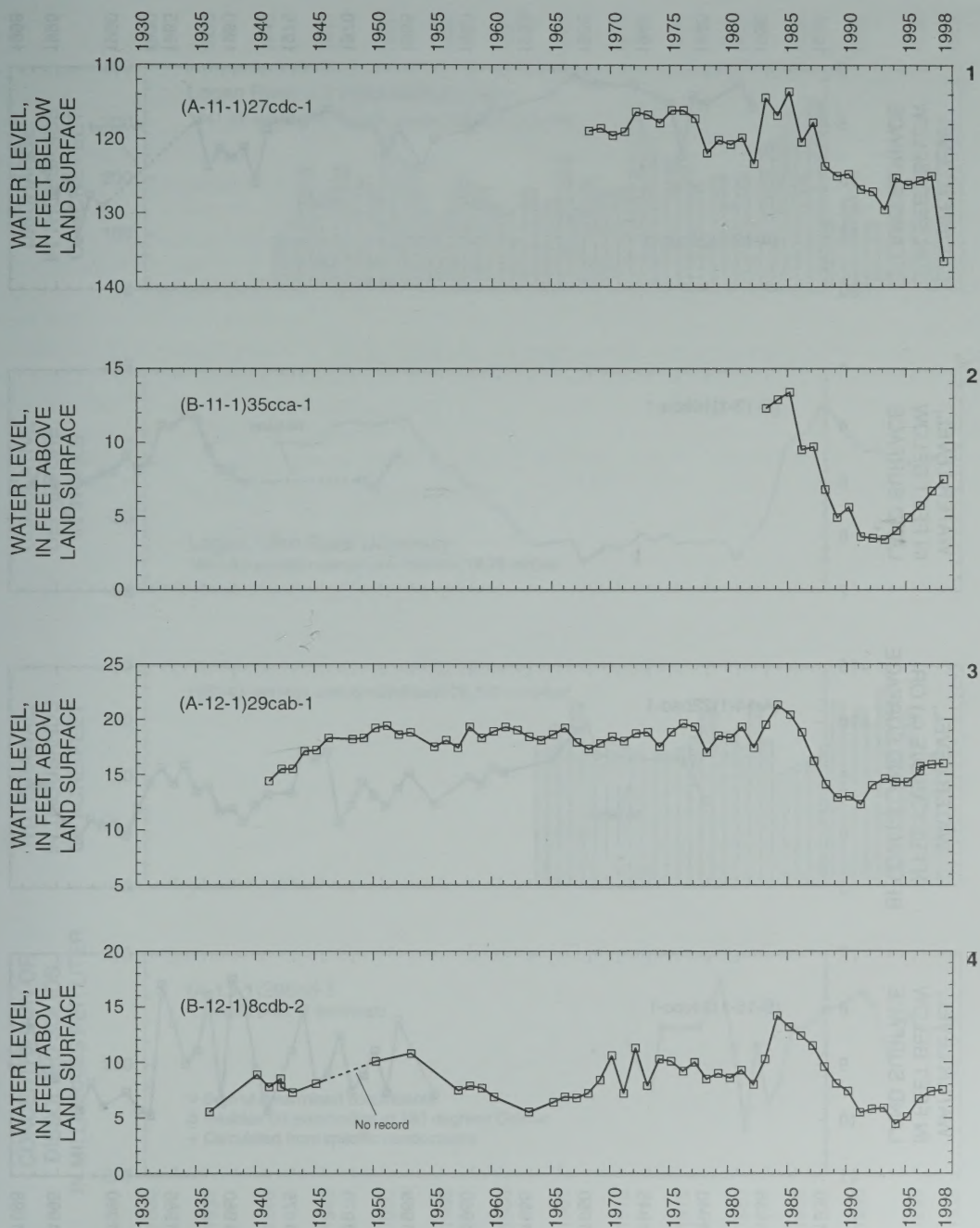
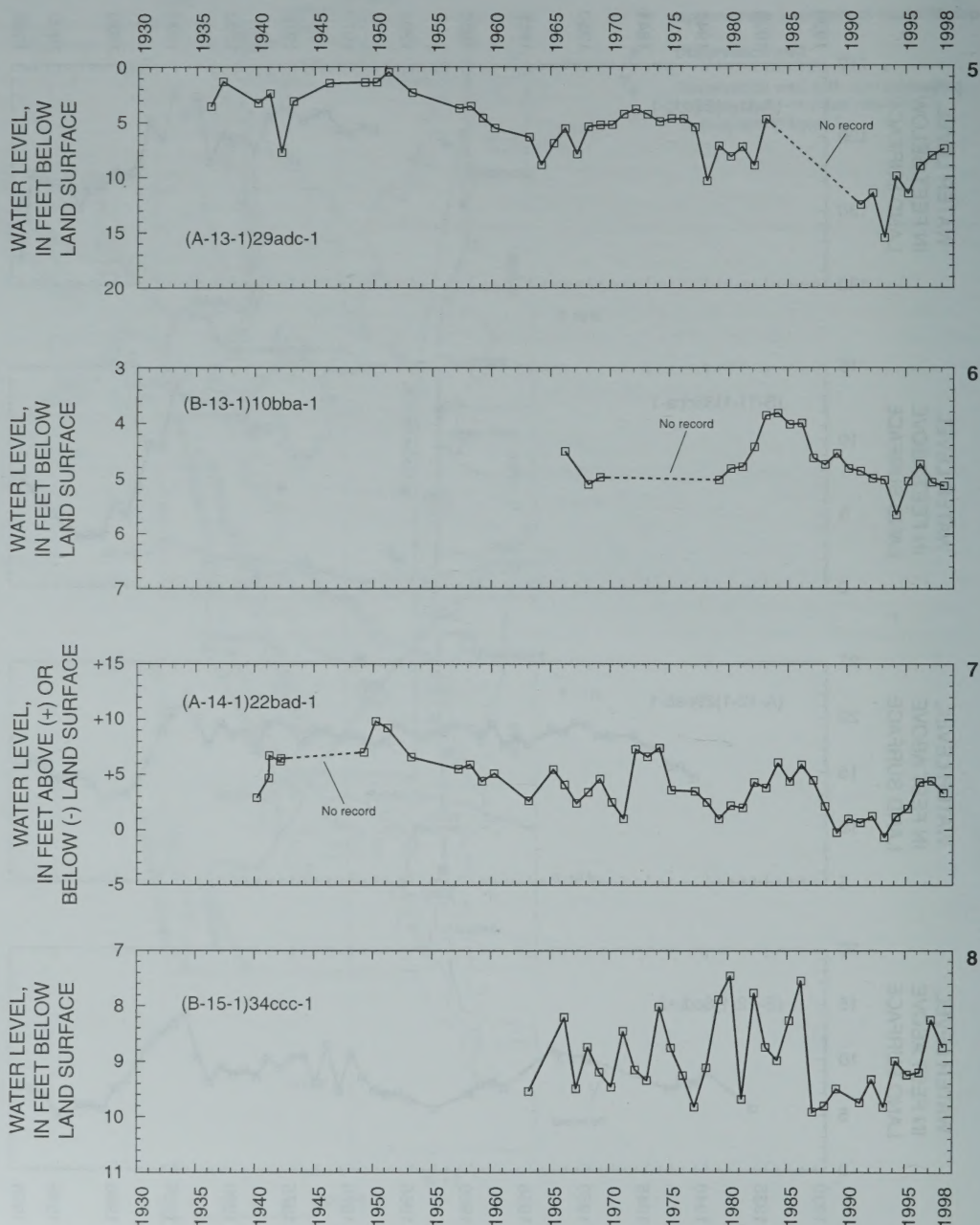


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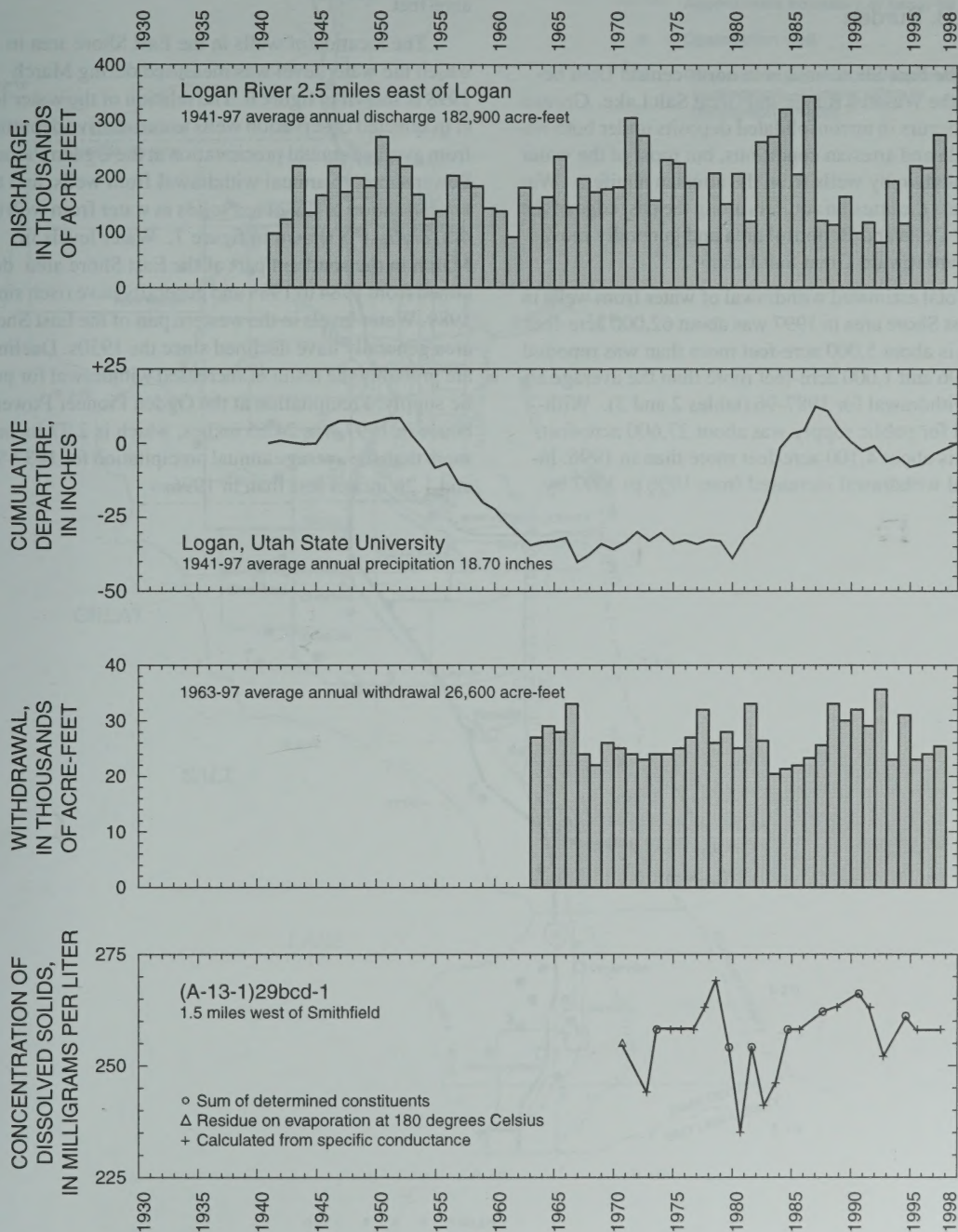


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## EAST SHORE AREA

By C.B. Burden

The East Shore area is in north-central Utah between the Wasatch Range and Great Salt Lake. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits under both water-table and artesian conditions, but most of the water is withdrawn by wells from the artesian aquifers. Water enters the artesian aquifers along the east edge of the Weber Delta and Bountiful area and generally moves westward toward Great Salt Lake.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the East Shore area in 1997 was about 62,000 acre-feet, which is about 5,000 acre-feet more than was reported for 1996 and 1,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for public supply was about 27,600 acre-feet, which is about 4,100 acre-feet more than in 1996. Industrial withdrawal increased from 1996 to 1997 by

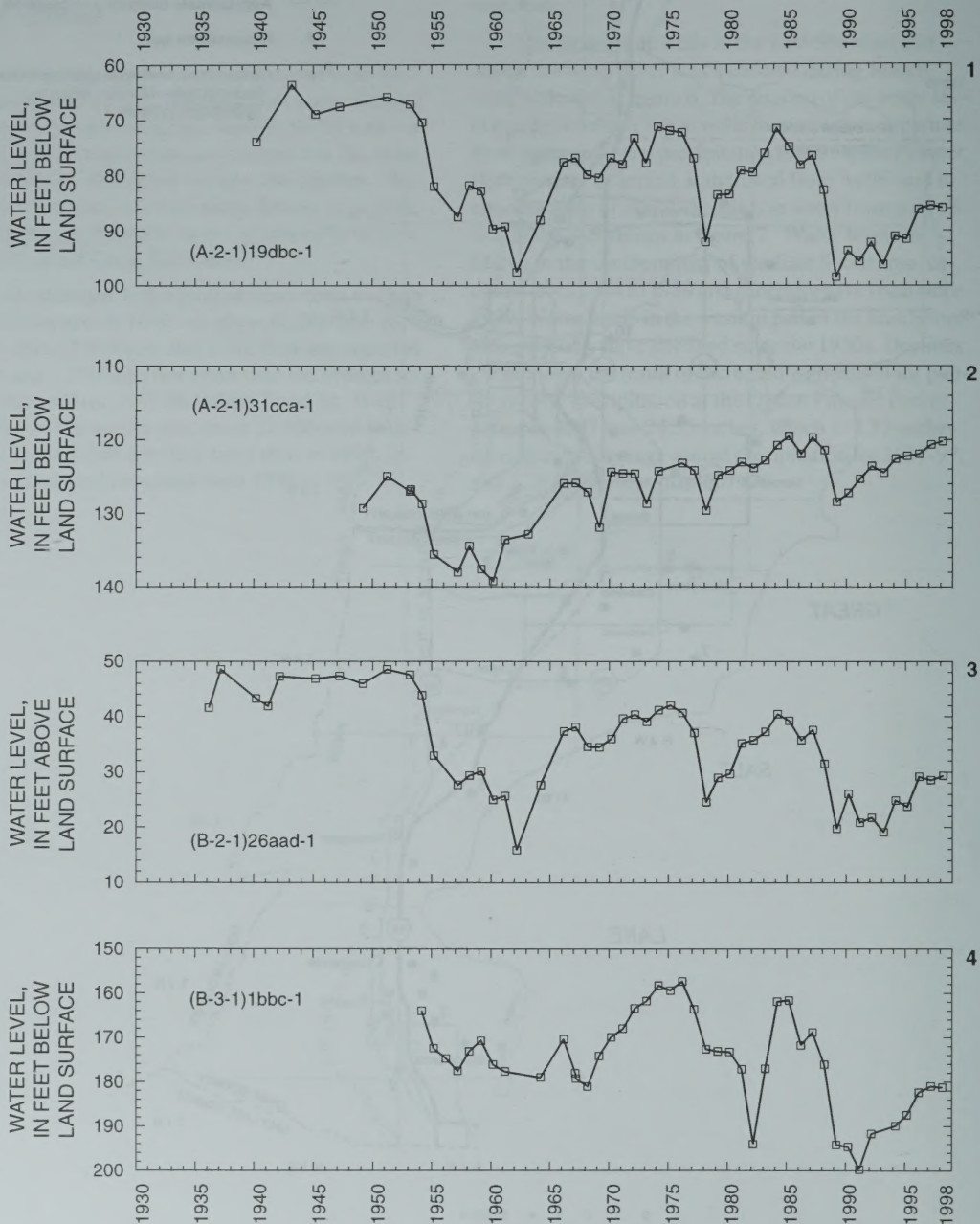
about 100 acre-feet to 3,600 acre-feet, and irrigation withdrawal decreased by about 100 acre-feet to 25,300 acre-feet.

The location of wells in the East Shore area in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 6. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at the Ogden Pioneer Powerhouse, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (B-4-2)27aba-1 is shown in figure 7. Water levels in March in the southern part of the East Shore area declined from 1984 to 1989 and generally have risen since 1989. Water levels in the western part of the East Shore area generally have declined since the 1950s. Declines are probably the result of increased withdrawal for public supply. Precipitation at the Ogden Pioneer Powerhouse in 1997 was 24.55 inches, which is 2.77 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1937-97, and 1.26 inches less than in 1996.



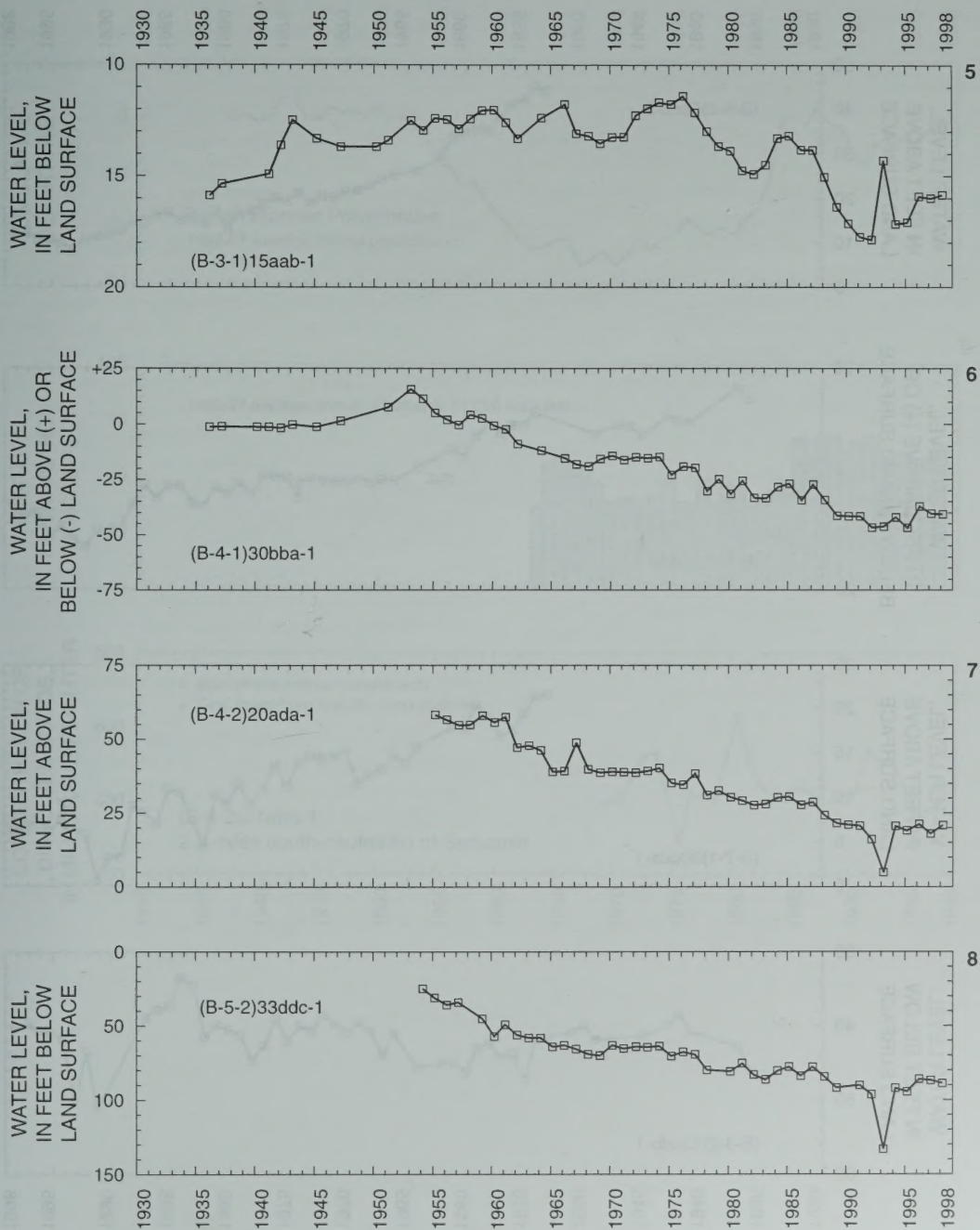


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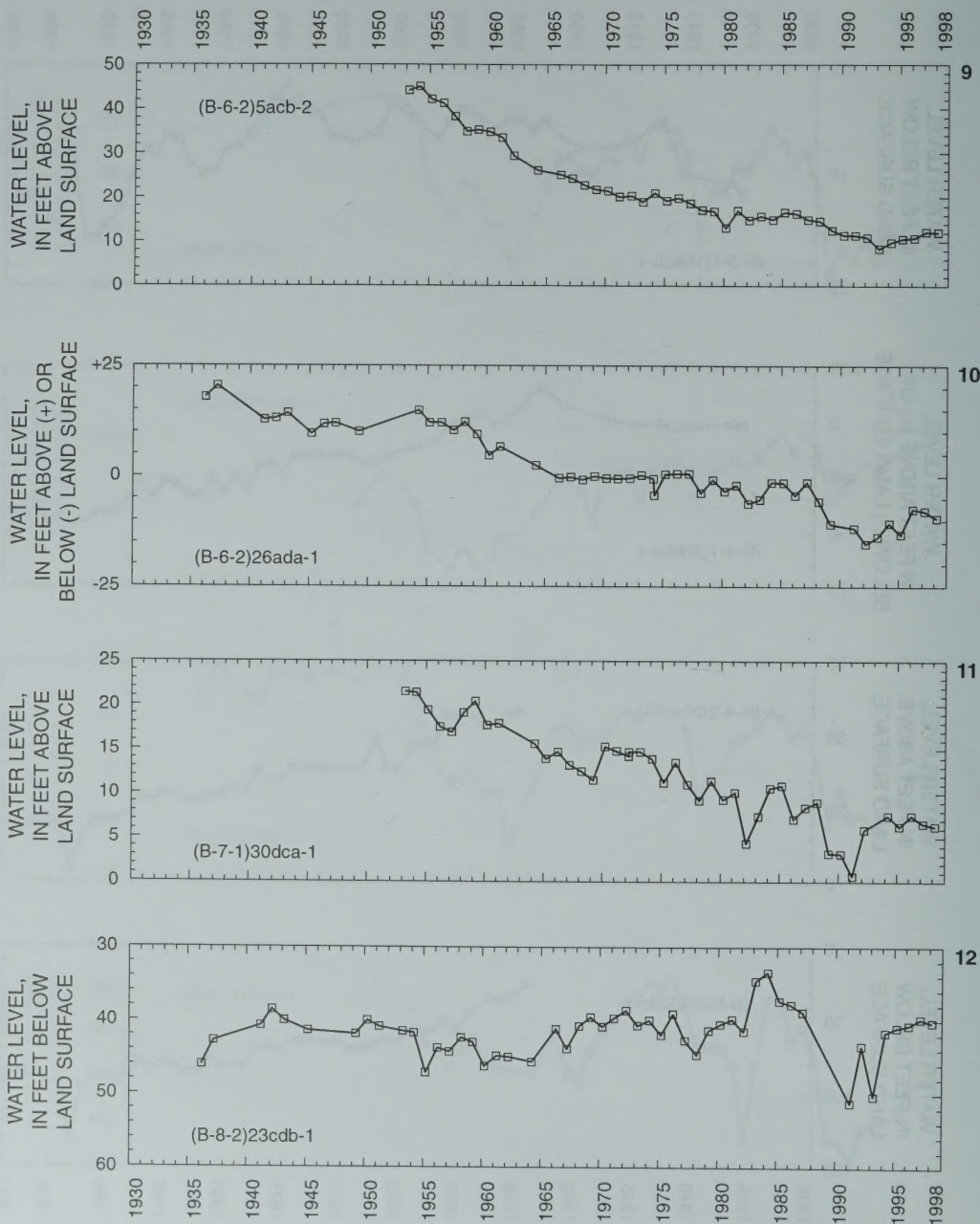


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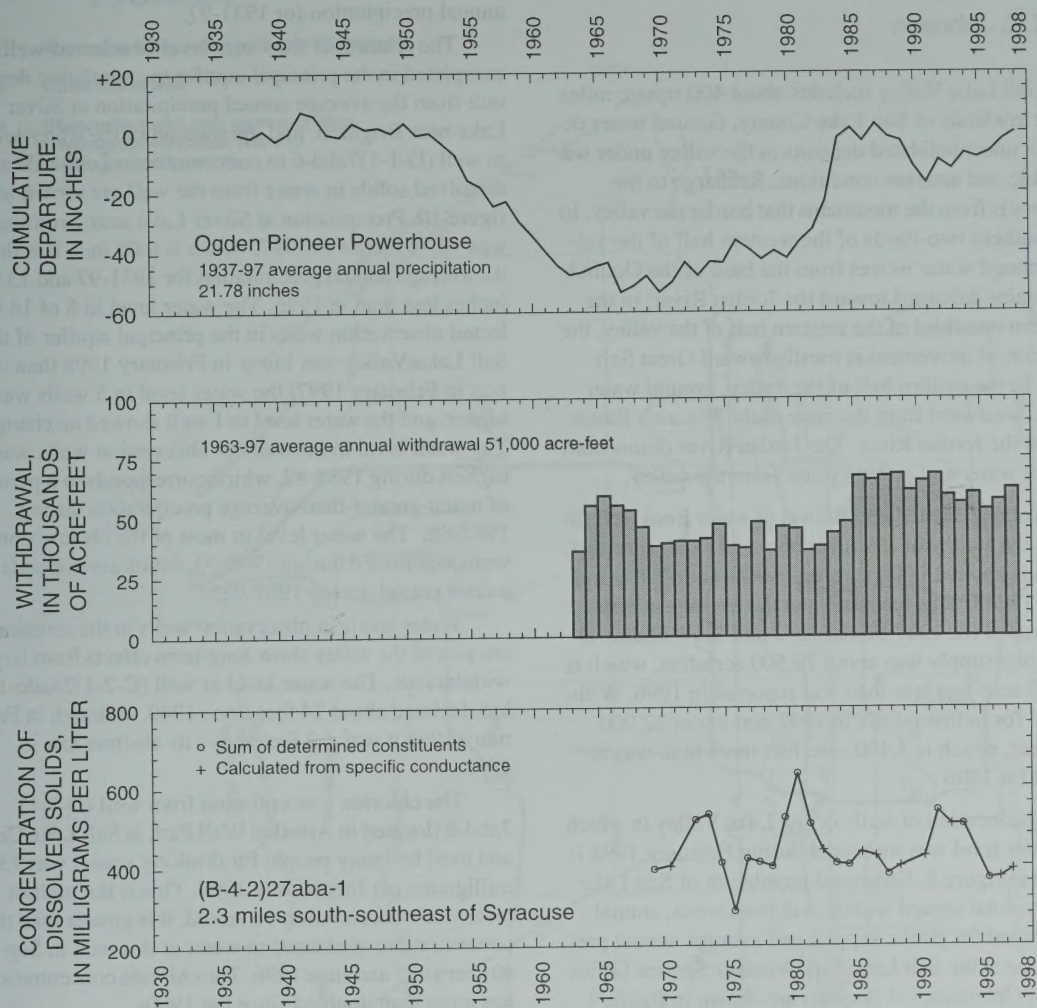


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## SALT LAKE VALLEY

By K.K. Johnson

Salt Lake Valley includes about 400 square miles in the lowlands of Salt Lake County. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits in the valley under water-table and artesian conditions. Recharge to the aquifers is from the mountains that border the valley. In the southern two-thirds of the western half of the valley, ground water moves from the base of the Oquirrh Mountains eastward toward the Jordan River; in the northern one-third of the western half of the valley, the direction of movement is mostly toward Great Salt Lake. In the eastern half of the valley, ground water moves westward from the base of the Wasatch Range toward the Jordan River. The Jordan River drains both surface water and ground water from the valley.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Salt Lake Valley in 1997 was about 123,000 acre-feet, which is about 15,000 acre-feet less than in 1996 and about 15,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for public supply was about 76,500 acre-feet, which is 13,500 acre-feet less than was reported in 1996. Withdrawal for industrial use in 1997 was about 22,000 acre-feet, which is 3,400 acre-feet more than was reported for 1996.

The location of wells in Salt Lake Valley in which the water level was measured during February 1998 is shown in figure 8. Estimated population of Salt Lake County, total annual withdrawal from wells, annual withdrawal for public supply, and average annual precipitation at the Salt Lake City Weather Service Office (WSO) (International Airport) are shown in figure 9.

Precipitation at the Salt Lake City WSO during 1997 was 16.93 inches, 1.74 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1931-97.

The relation of the water level in selected wells completed in the principal aquifer to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton, and the relation of the water level in well (D-1-1)7abd-6 to concentration of chloride and dissolved solids in water from the well are shown in figure 10. Precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton was 42.72 inches in 1997, which is 0.05 inch less than the average annual precipitation for 1931-97 and 13.09 inches less than in 1996. The water level in 8 of 14 selected observation wells in the principal aquifer of the Salt Lake Valley was lower in February 1998 than it was in February 1997; the water level in 5 wells was higher; and the water level in 1 well showed no change. The water level in most of the observation wells was highest during 1985-87, which corresponds to a period of much-greater-than-average precipitation during 1982-86. The water level in most of the observation wells was lowest during 1990-93, which corresponds to a drier period during 1987-92.

Water levels in observation wells in the southeastern part of the valley show long-term effects from large withdrawals. The water level in well (C-2-1)24adc-1 has declined about 24 feet since 1940, although in February 1998 it was 1.2 feet above its all-time low in 1992.

The chloride concentration from well (D-1-1)7abd-6 (located in Artesian Well Park in Salt Lake City and used by many people for drinking water) was 133 milligrams per liter in July 1997. This is the highest measured concentration on record, it is greater than the concentrations measured in water at this well in September 1995 and June 1996. The chloride concentration has more than doubled since the 1960s.



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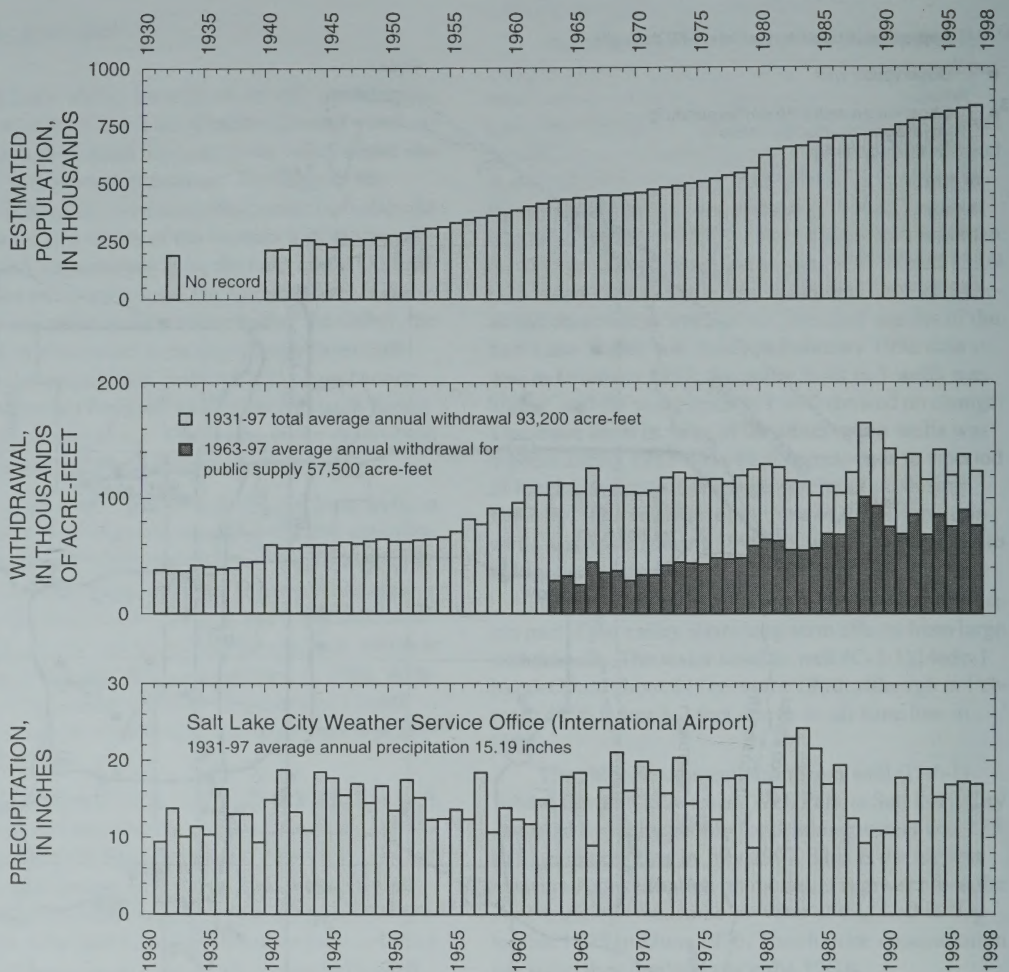
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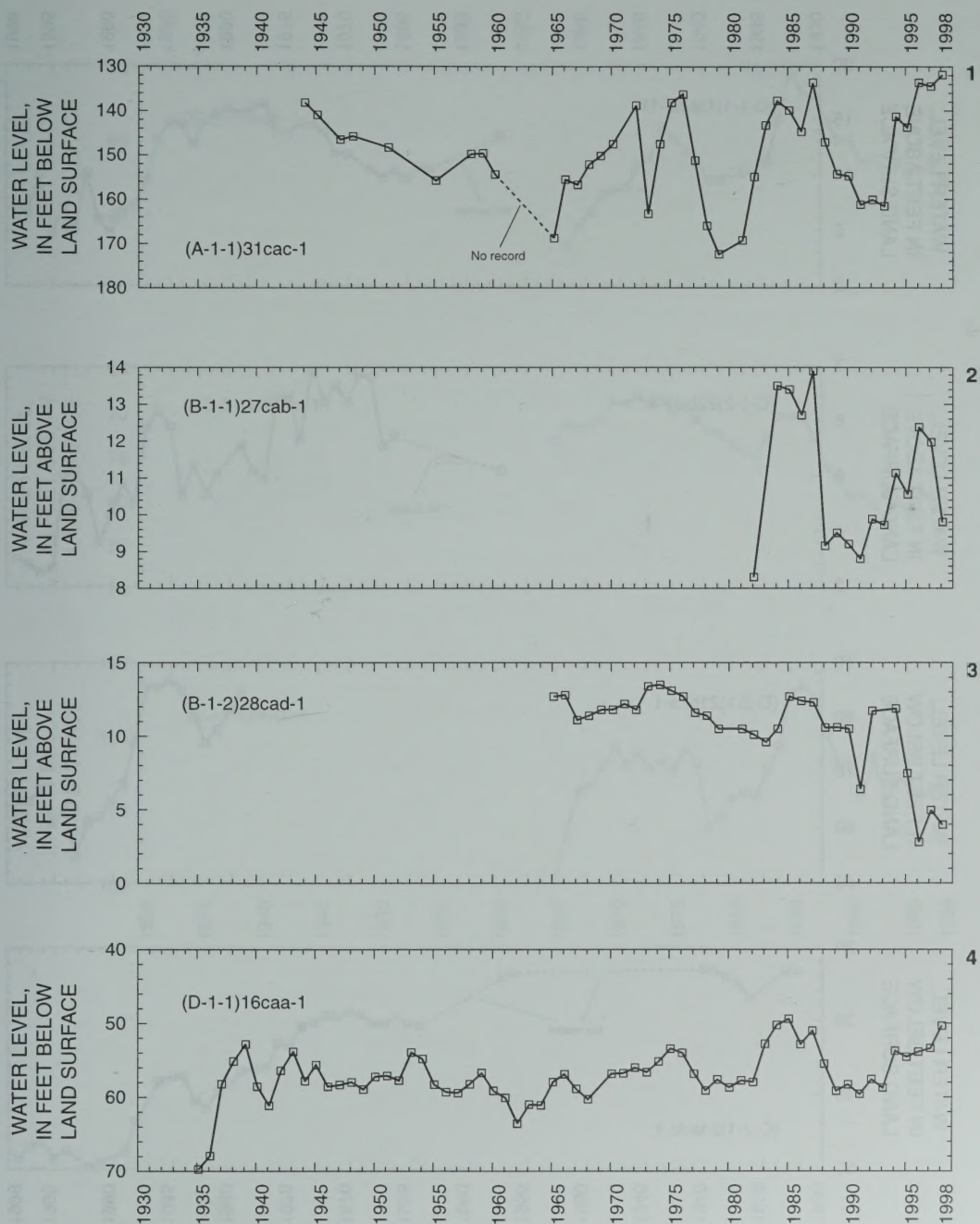


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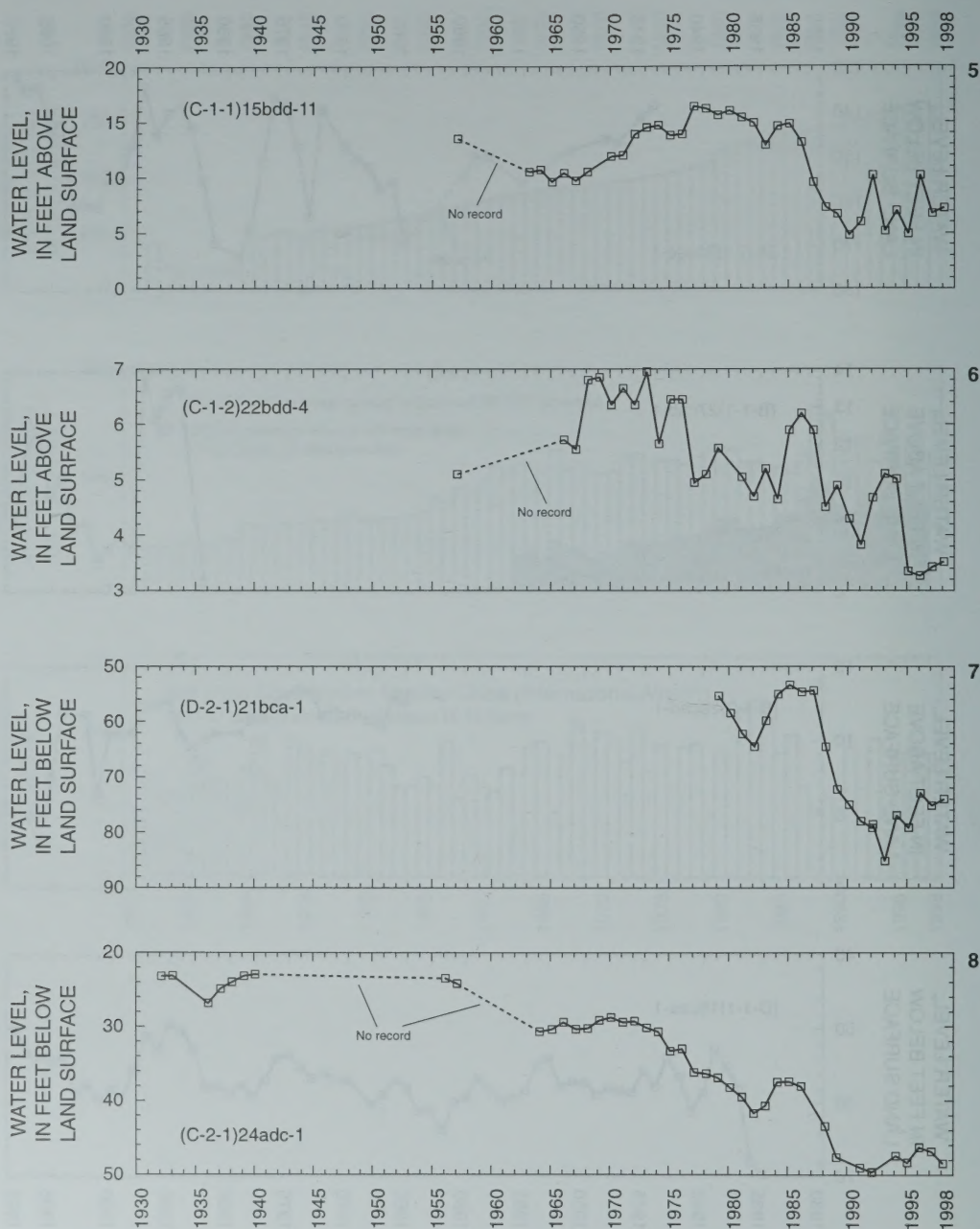


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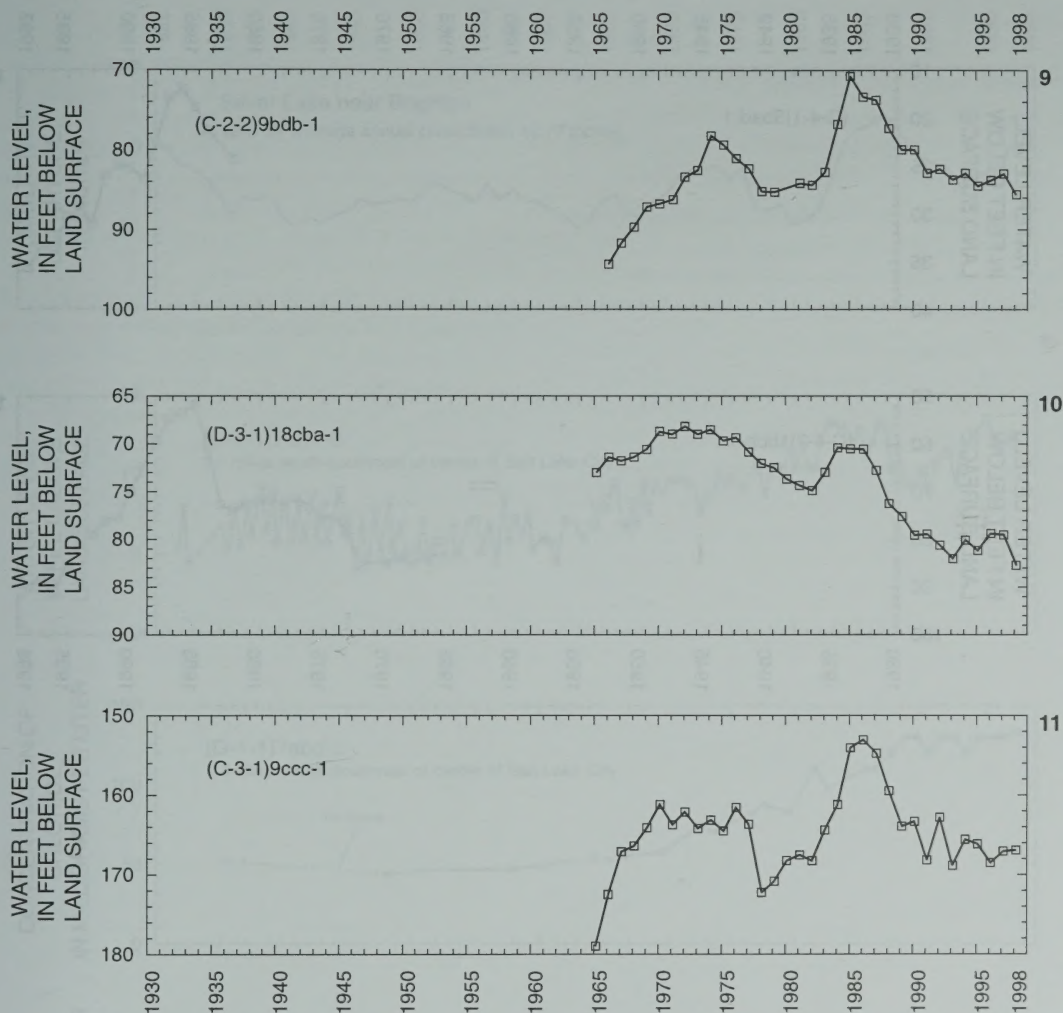


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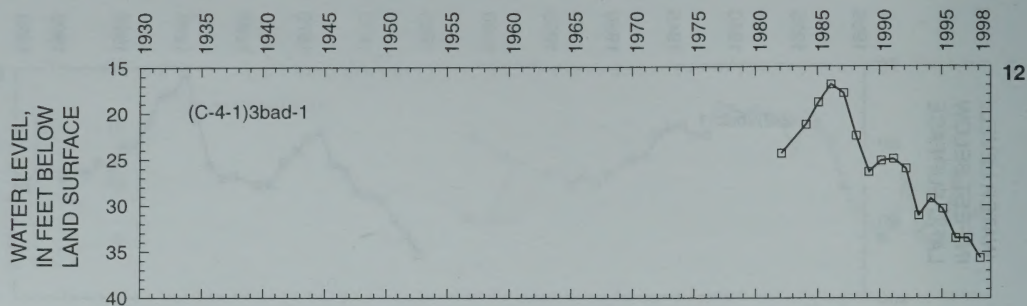


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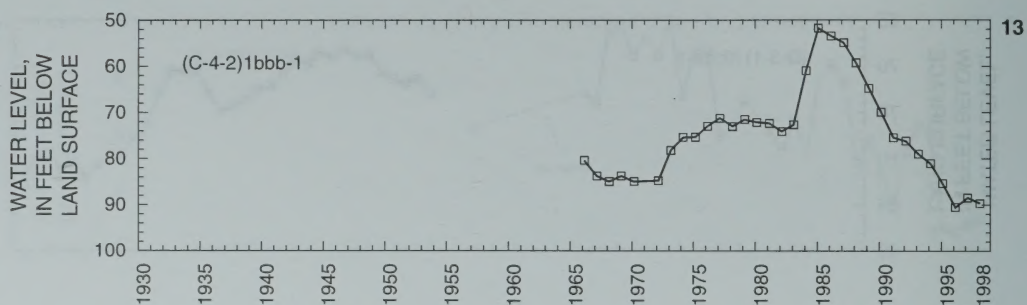




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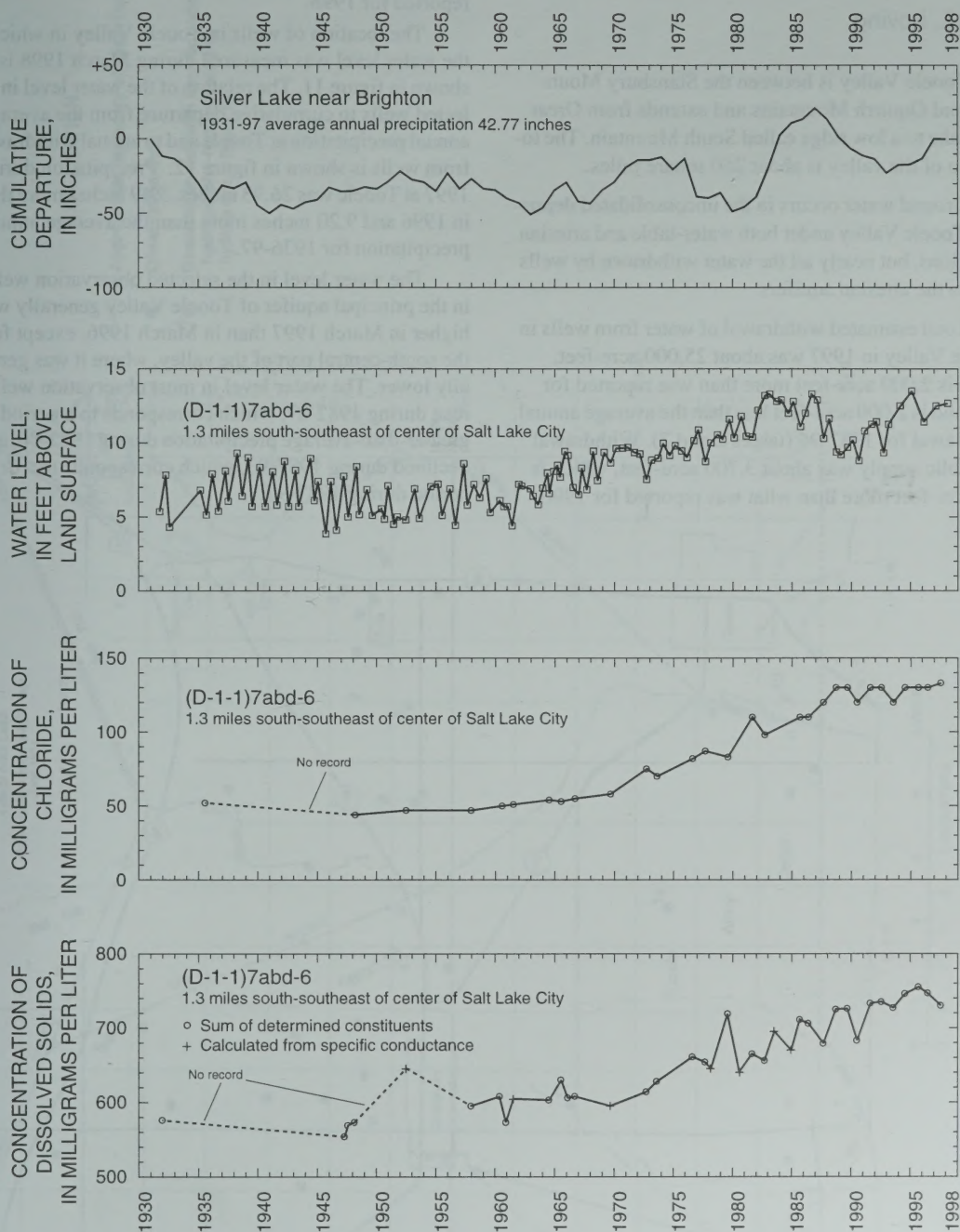
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## TOOELE VALLEY

By B.L. Loving

Tooele Valley is between the Stansbury Mountains and Oquirrh Mountains and extends from Great Salt Lake to a low ridge called South Mountain. The total area of the valley is about 250 square miles.

Ground water occurs in the unconsolidated deposits in Tooele Valley under both water-table and artesian conditions, but nearly all the water withdrawn by wells is from the artesian aquifers.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Tooele Valley in 1997 was about 25,000 acre-feet, which is 2,000 acre-feet more than was reported for 1996 and is 2,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for public supply was about 3,700 acre-feet, which is 800 acre-feet more than what was reported for 1996.

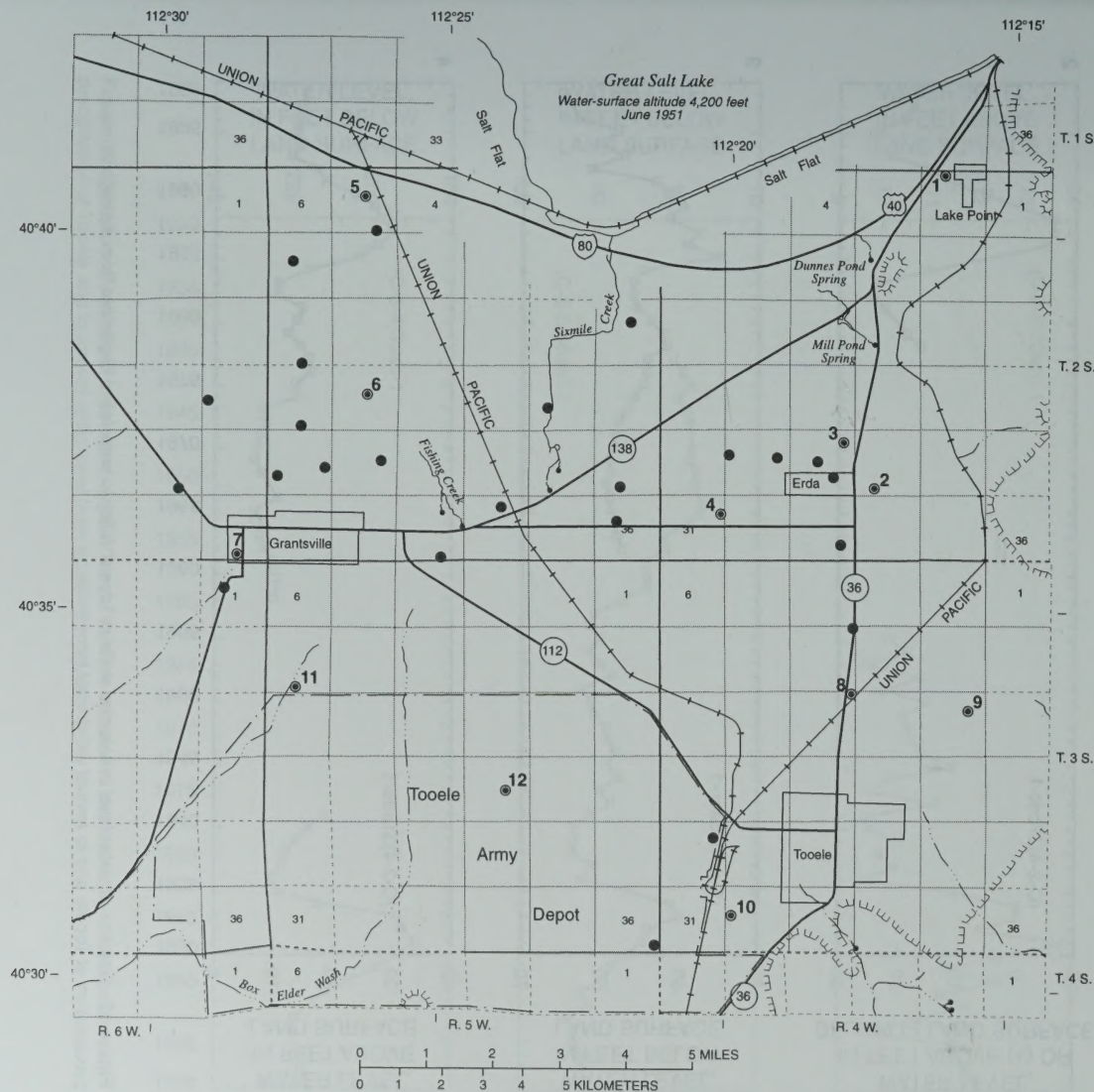
Withdrawal for irrigation use in 1997 was about 19,900 acre-feet, which is 1,300 acre-feet more than what was reported for 1996.

The location of wells in Tooele Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 11. The relation of the water level in selected wells to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Tooele and to annual withdrawal from wells is shown in figure 12. Precipitation during 1997 at Tooele was 26.93 inches, 5.49 inches more than in 1996 and 9.20 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1936-97.




The water level in the selected observation wells in the principal aquifer of Tooele Valley generally was higher in March 1997 than in March 1996, except for the south-central part of the valley, where it was generally lower. The water level in most observation wells rose during 1982-87, which corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation during 1982-86, and declined during 1987-93, which corresponds to a drier period during 1987-92.



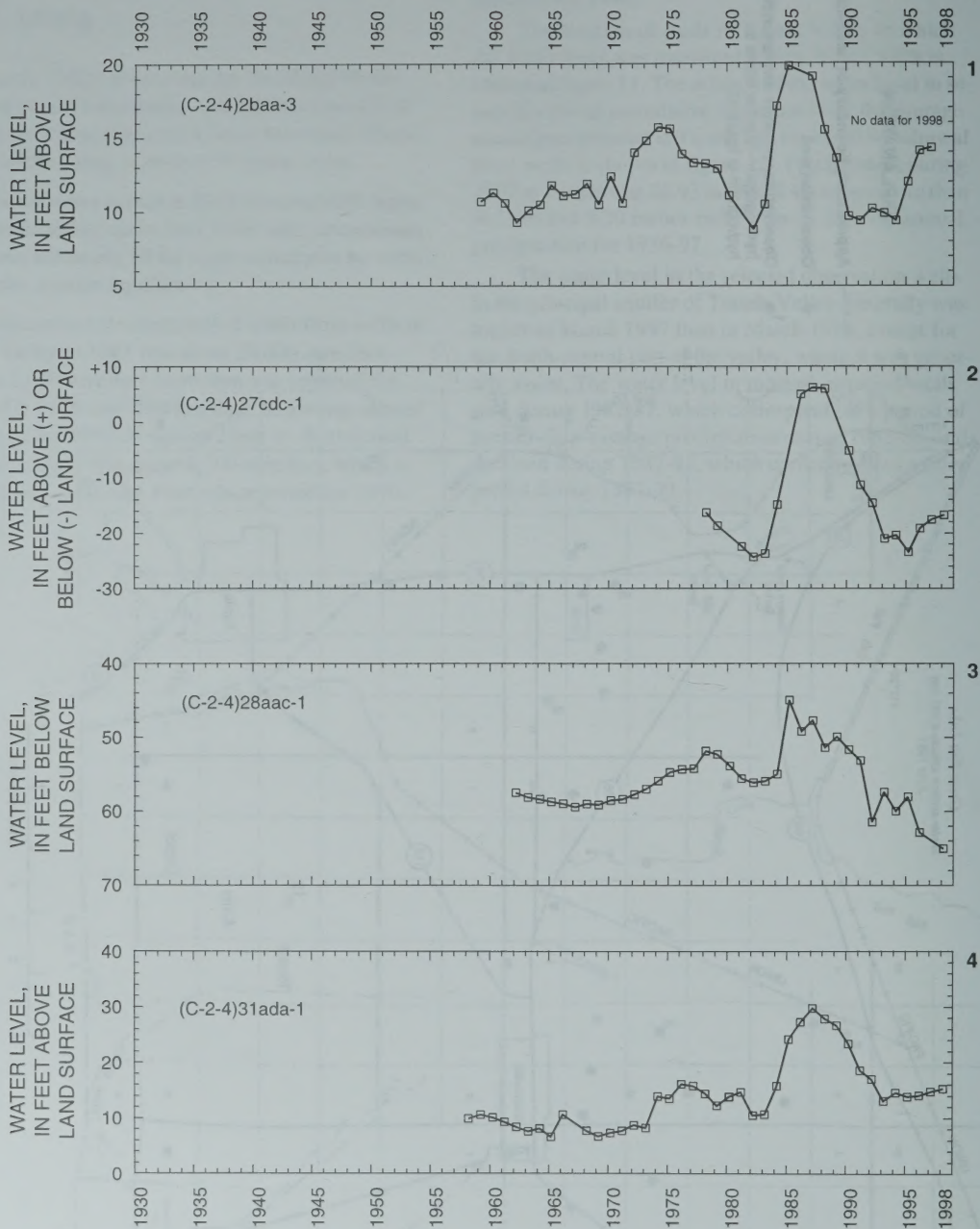




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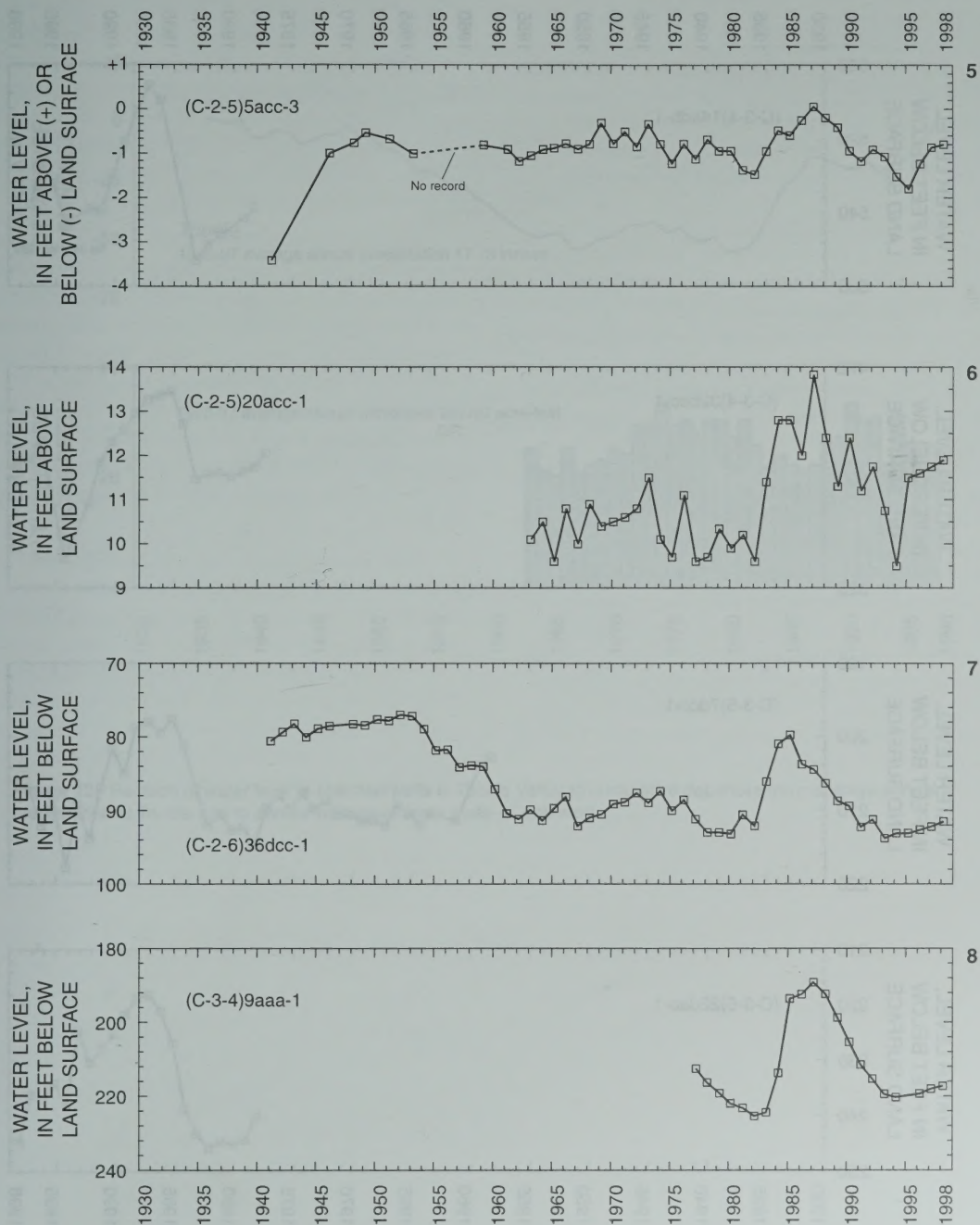
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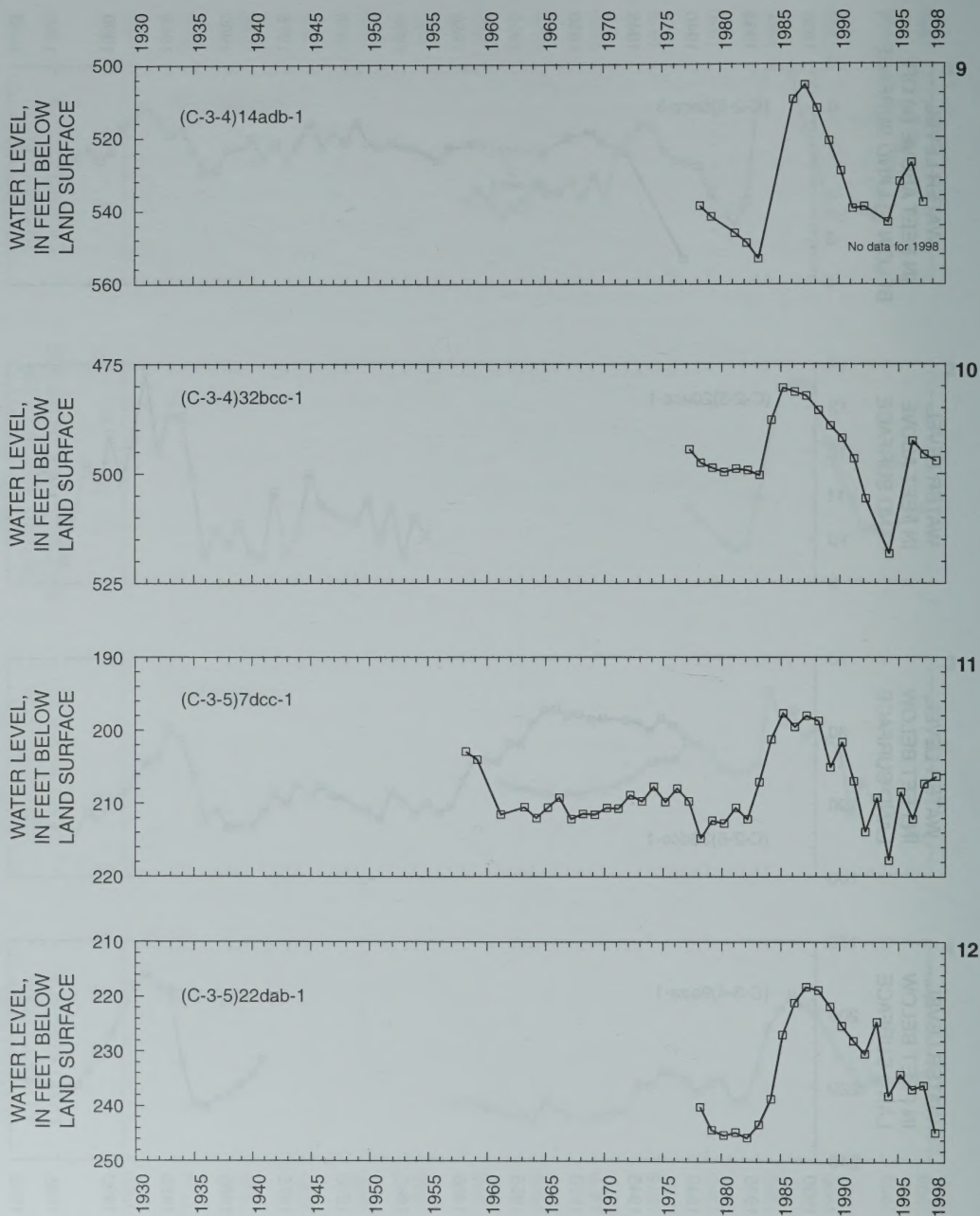


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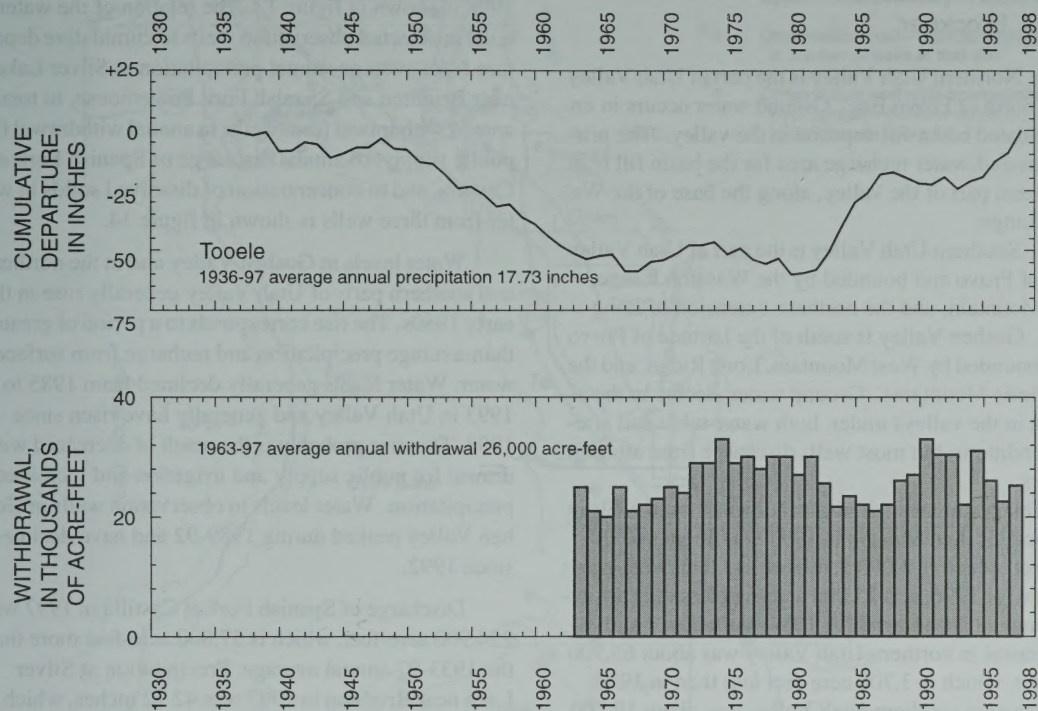


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## UTAH AND GOSHEN VALLEYS

By S.J. Brockner

Northern Utah Valley is the part of Utah Valley that is north of Provo Bay. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated basin-fill deposits in the valley. The principal ground-water recharge area for the basin fill is in the eastern part of the valley, along the base of the Wasatch Range.

Southern Utah Valley is the part of Utah Valley south of Provo and bounded by the Wasatch Range, West Mountain, and the northern extension of Long Ridge. Goshen Valley is south of the latitude of Provo and is bounded by West Mountain, Long Ridge, and the East Tintic Mountains. Ground water occurs in the alluvium in the valleys under both water-table and artesian conditions, but most wells discharge from artesian aquifers.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Utah and Goshen Valleys in 1997 was about 96,000 acre-feet, which is 3,000 acre-feet less than what was reported for 1996, and 15,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal in northern Utah Valley was about 65,900 acre-feet, which is 3,700 acre-feet less than in 1996; withdrawal in southern Utah Valley was about 19,700 acre-feet, which is 300 acre-feet more than in 1996; withdrawal in Goshen Valley was about 10,300 acre-feet, which is 200 acre-feet more than in 1996. Most of the total increase in withdrawal probably was a result of increased withdrawal for public supply and irrigation.

The location of wells in Utah and Goshen Valleys in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 13. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton and Spanish Fork Powerhouse, to total annual withdrawal from wells, to annual withdrawal for public supply, to annual discharge of Spanish Fork at Castilla, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from three wells is shown in figure 14.

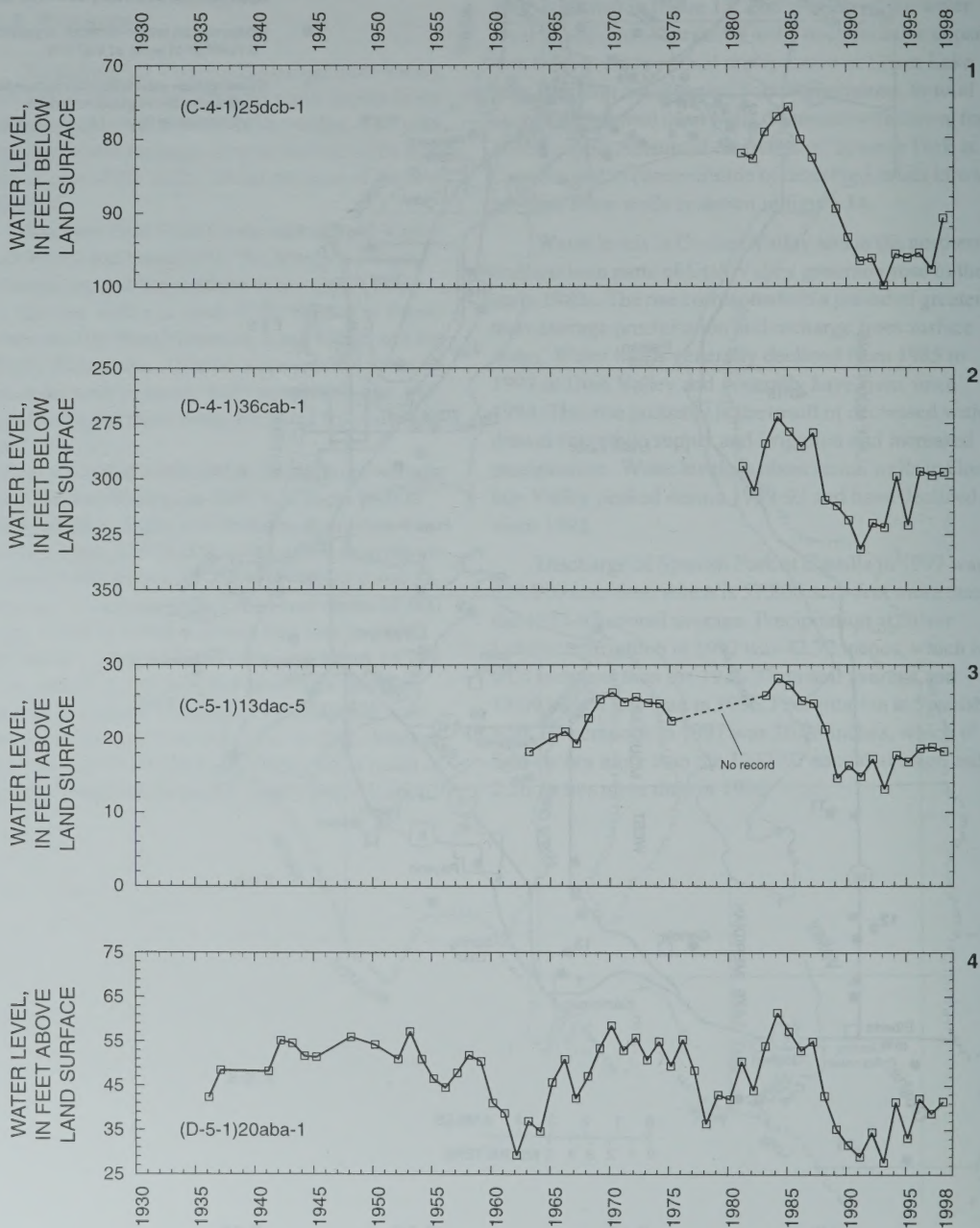
Water levels in Goshen Valley and in the northern and southern parts of Utah Valley generally rose in the early 1980s. The rise corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation and recharge from surface water. Water levels generally declined from 1985 to 1993 in Utah Valley and generally have risen since 1993. This rise probably is the result of decreased withdrawal for public supply and irrigation and increased precipitation. Water levels in observation wells in Goshen Valley peaked during 1989-92 and have declined since 1992.

Discharge of Spanish Fork at Castilla in 1997 was 224,900 acre-feet, which is 57,800 acre-feet more than the 1933-97 annual average. Precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton in 1997 was 42.72 inches, which is 0.05 inch less than the 1931-97 annual average and 13.09 inches less than in 1996. Precipitation at Spanish Fork Powerhouse in 1997 was 26.05 inches, which is 6.53 inches more than the 1937-97 annual average and 2.26 inches more than in 1996.



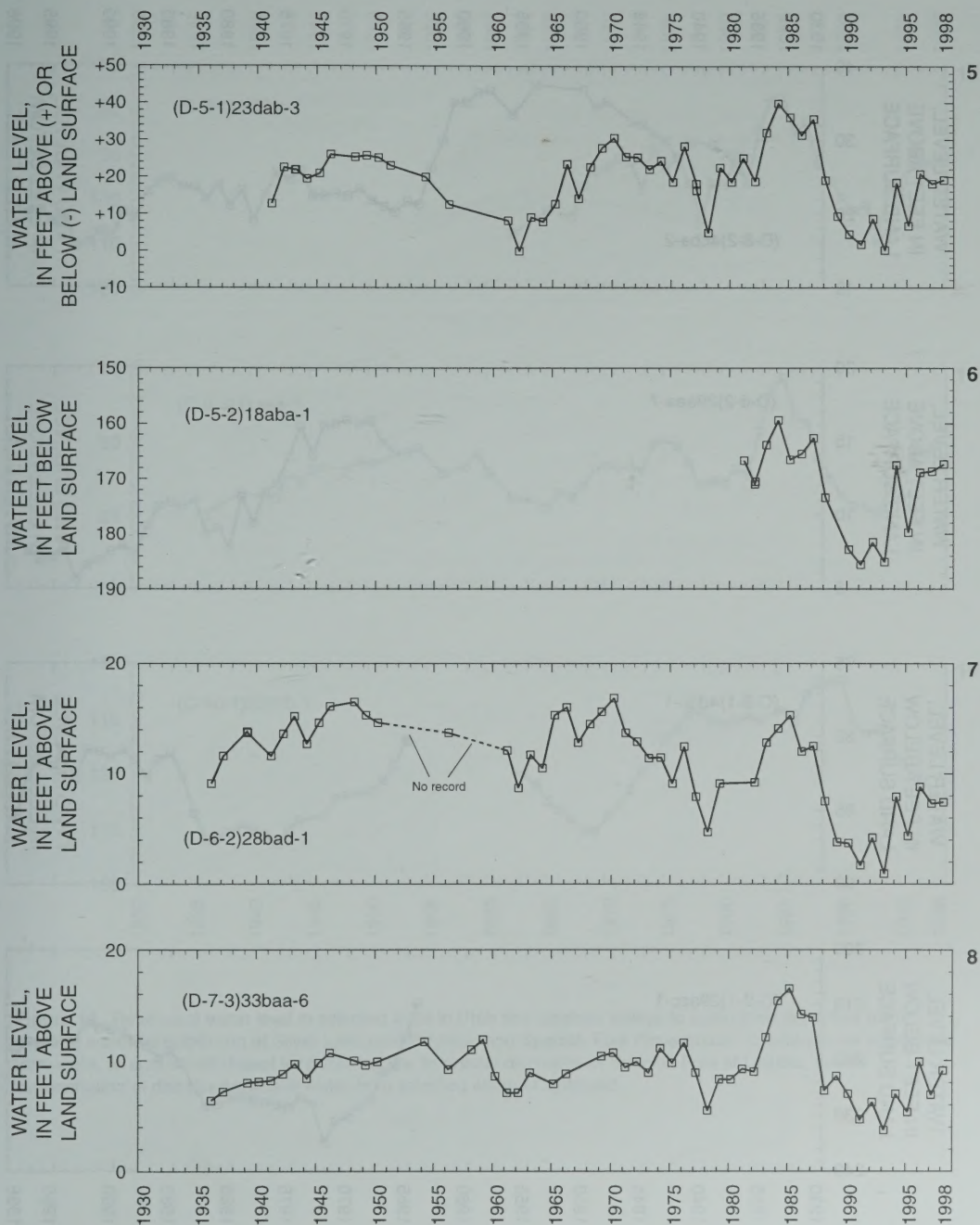


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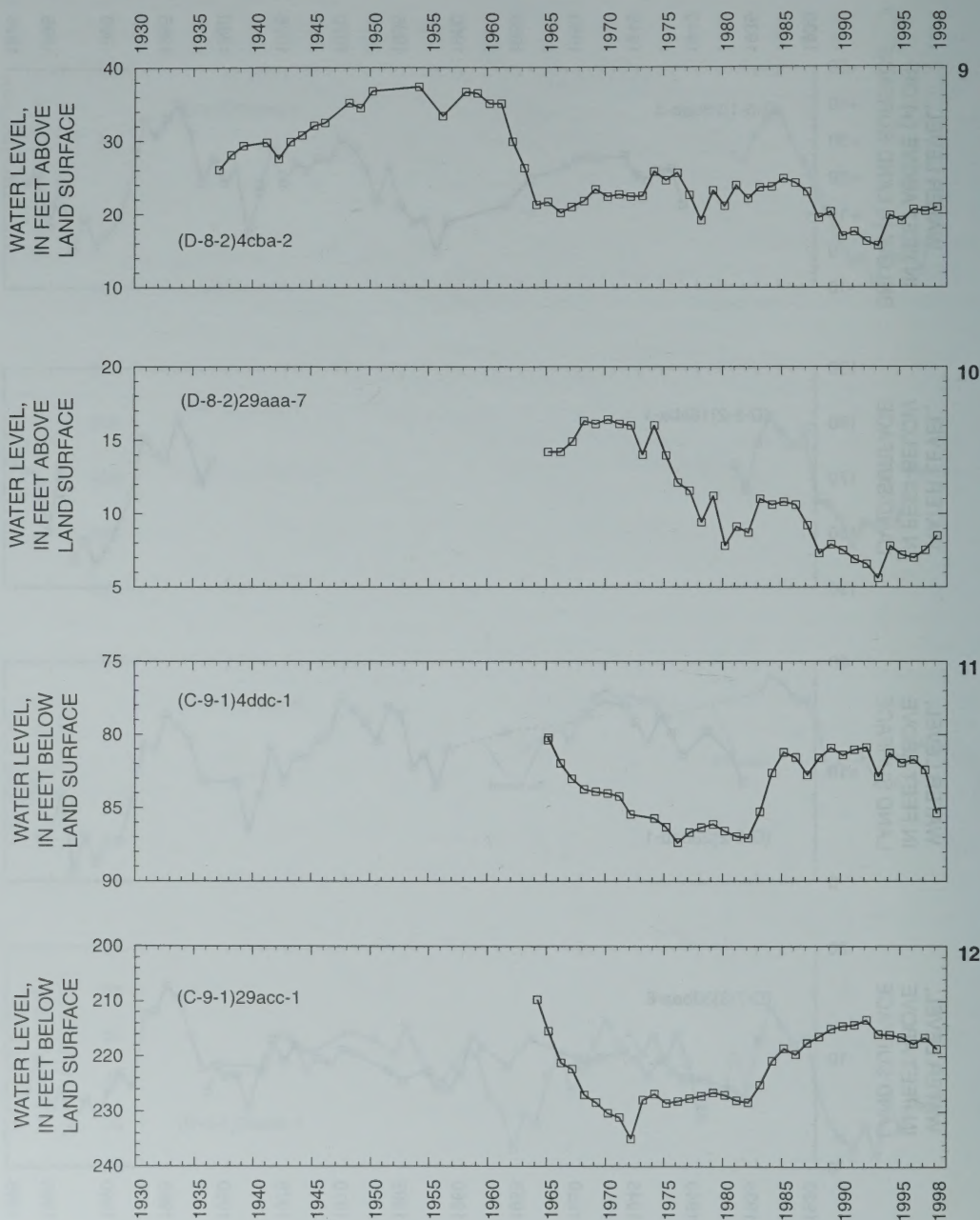


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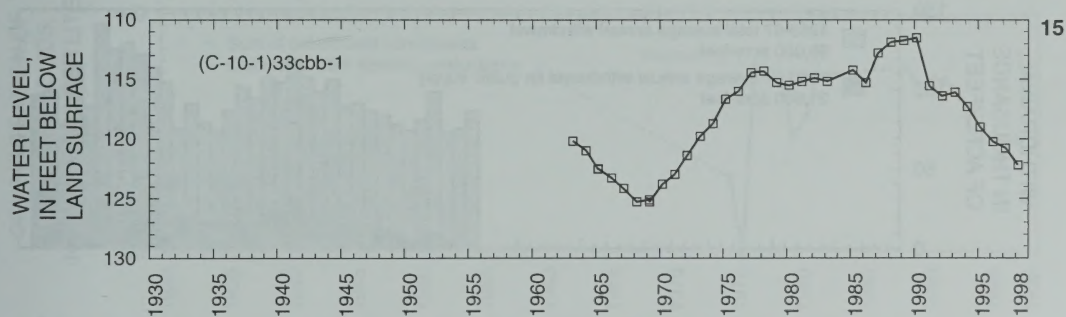
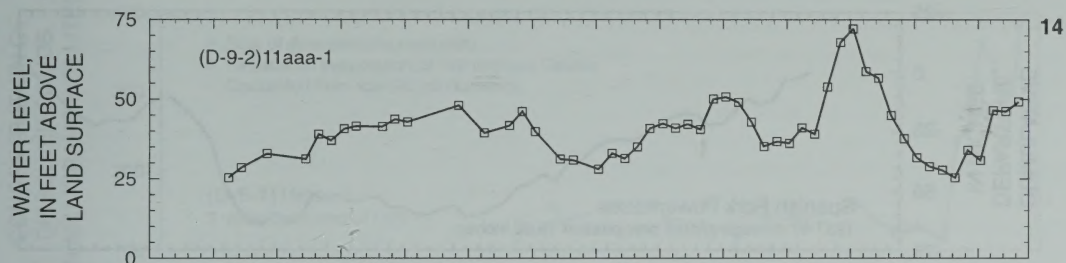
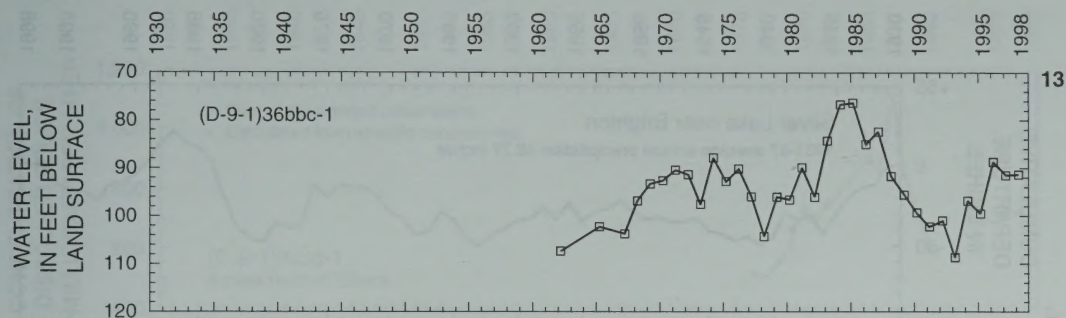


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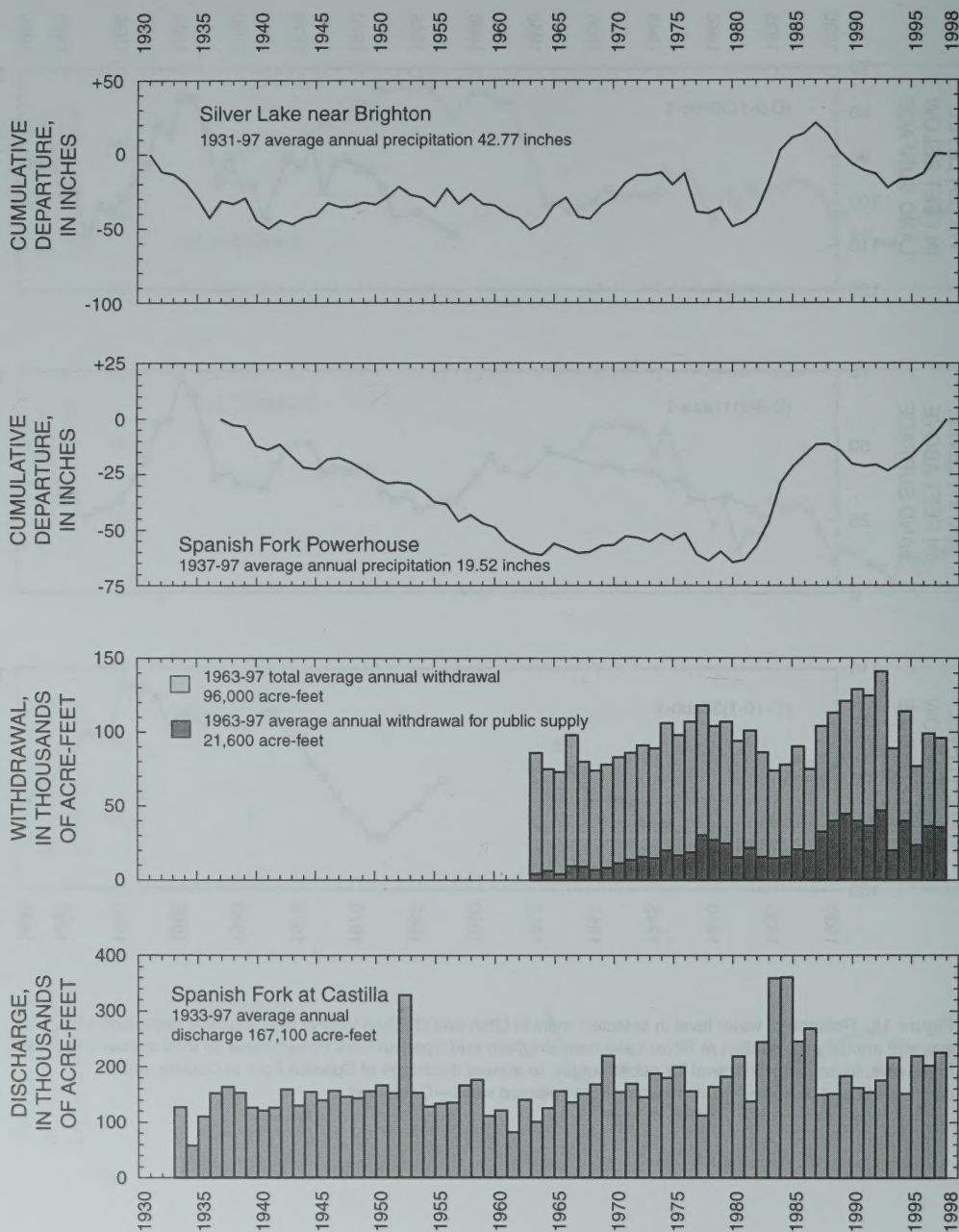


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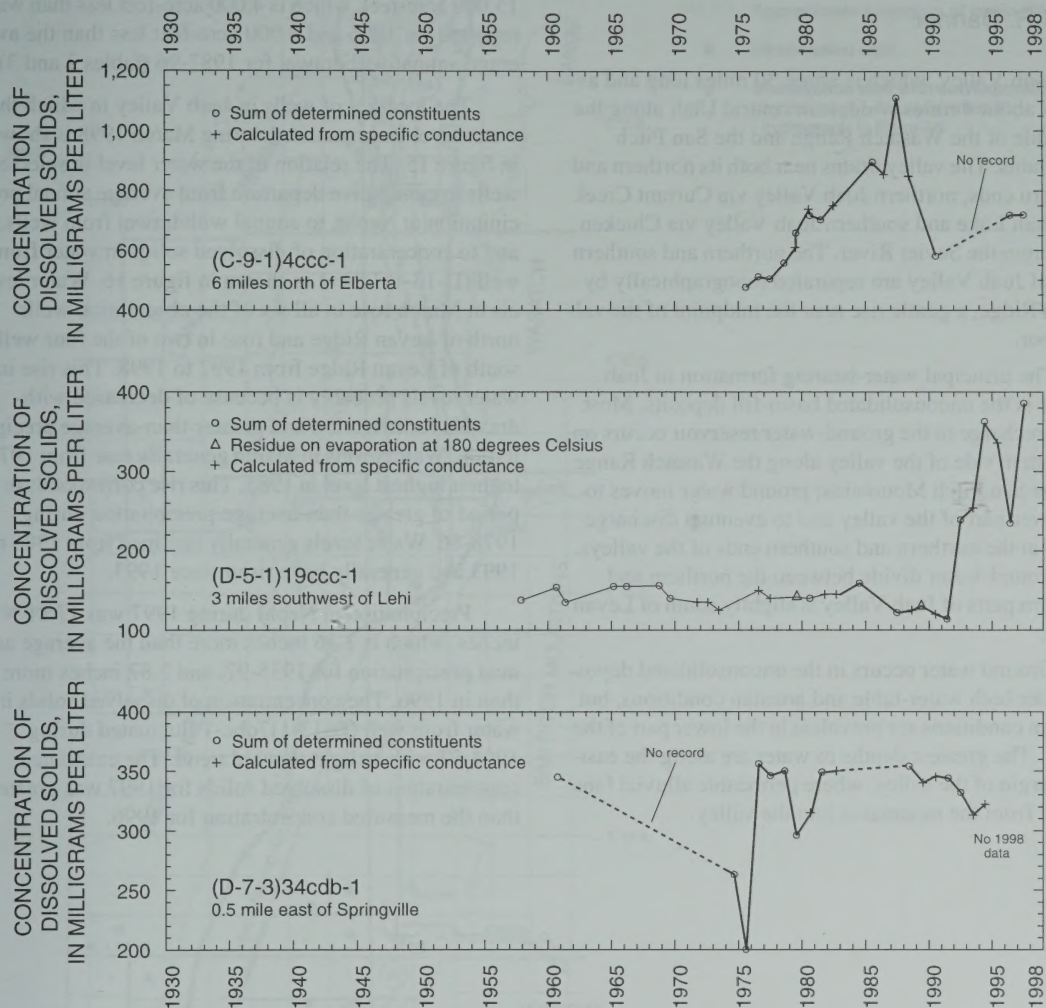


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## JUAB VALLEY

By M.R. Danner

Juab Valley, which is about 30 miles long and averages about 4 miles wide, is in central Utah along the west side of the Wasatch Range and the San Pitch Mountains. The valley drains near both its northern and southern ends, northern Juab Valley via Currant Creek into Utah Lake and southern Juab Valley via Chicken Creek into the Sevier River. The northern and southern parts of Juab Valley are separated topographically by Levan Ridge, a gentle rise near the midpoint of the valley floor.

The principal water-bearing formation in Juab Valley is the unconsolidated basin-fill deposits. Most of the recharge to the ground-water reservoir occurs on the eastern side of the valley along the Wasatch Range and the San Pitch Mountains; ground water moves to the lower part of the valley and to eventual discharge points at the northern and southern ends of the valleys. The ground-water divide between the northern and southern parts of Juab Valley is slightly south of Levan Ridge.

Ground water occurs in the unconsolidated deposits under both water-table and artesian conditions, but artesian conditions are prevalent in the lower part of the valley. The greatest depths to water are along the eastern margin of the valley, where permeable alluvial fans extend from the mountains into the valley.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from pumped and flowing wells in Juab Valley in 1997 was about 15,000 acre-feet, which is 4,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 1996 and 8,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in Juab Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 15. The relation of the water level in selected wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Nephi, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (D-13-1)7dbc-1 is shown in figure 16. Water levels in March rose in all six of the observation wells north of Levan Ridge and rose in two of the four wells south of Levan Ridge from 1997 to 1998. This rise in water levels probably is because of decreased withdrawals for irrigation and greater-than-average precipitation. Water levels in March generally rose from 1978 to their highest level in 1985. This rise corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation during 1978-86. Water levels generally declined from 1986 to 1993 and generally have risen since 1993.

Precipitation at Nephi during 1997 was 17.81 inches, which is 3.36 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1935-97, and 2.87 inches more than in 1996. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (D-13-1)7dbc-1 fluctuated during 1964-97 with a slight upward trend. The calculated concentration of dissolved solids for 1997 was greater than the measured concentration for 1996.



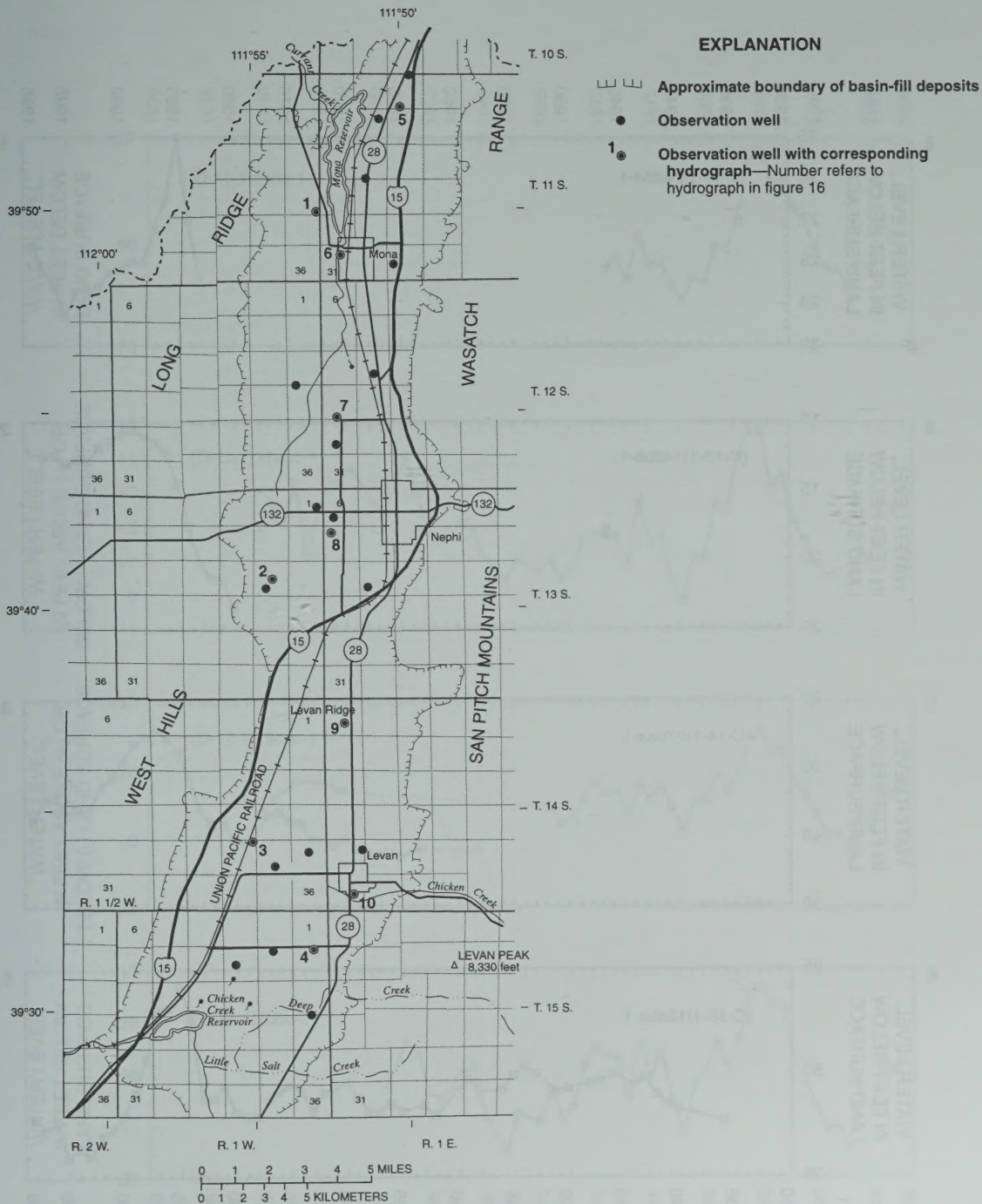
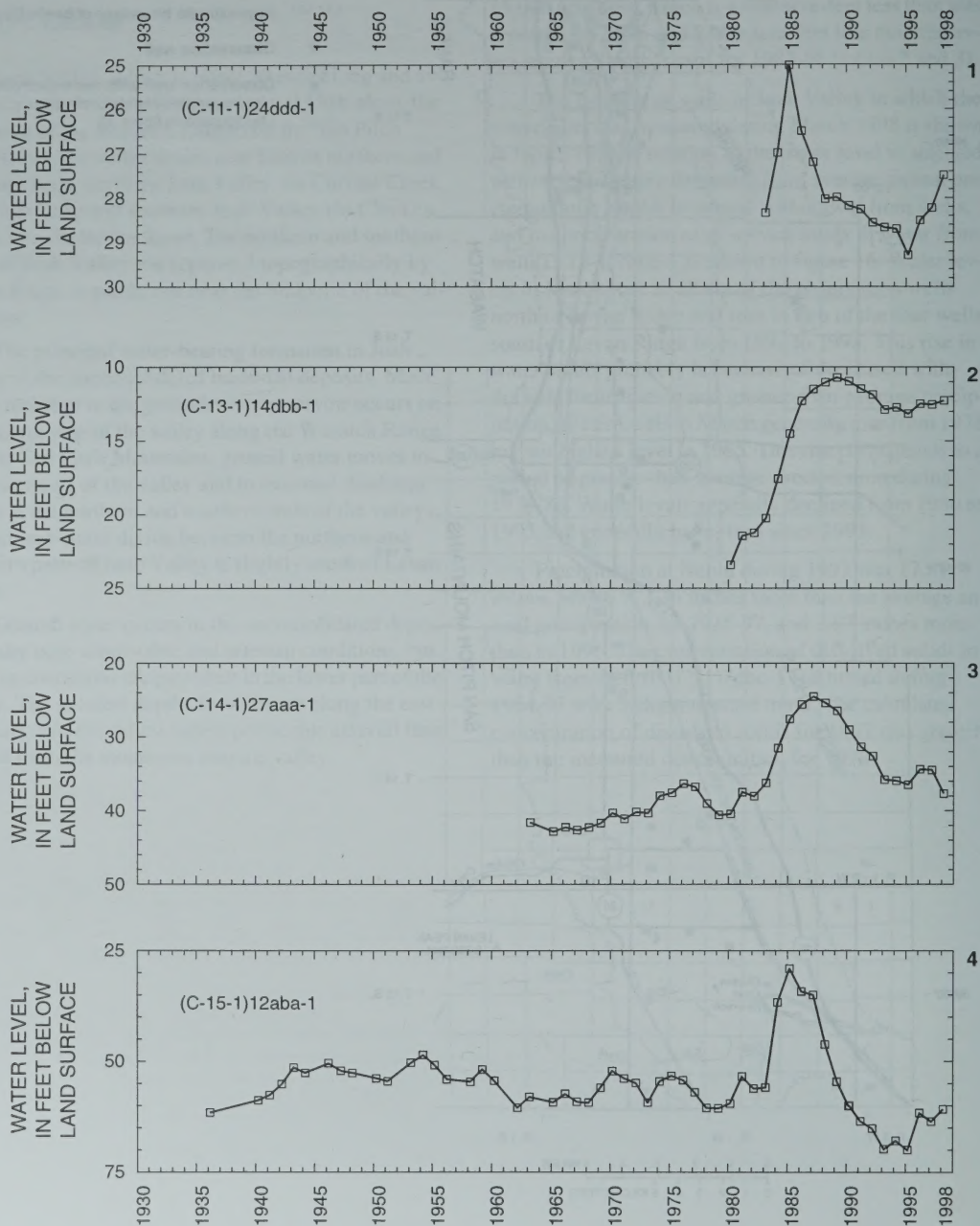
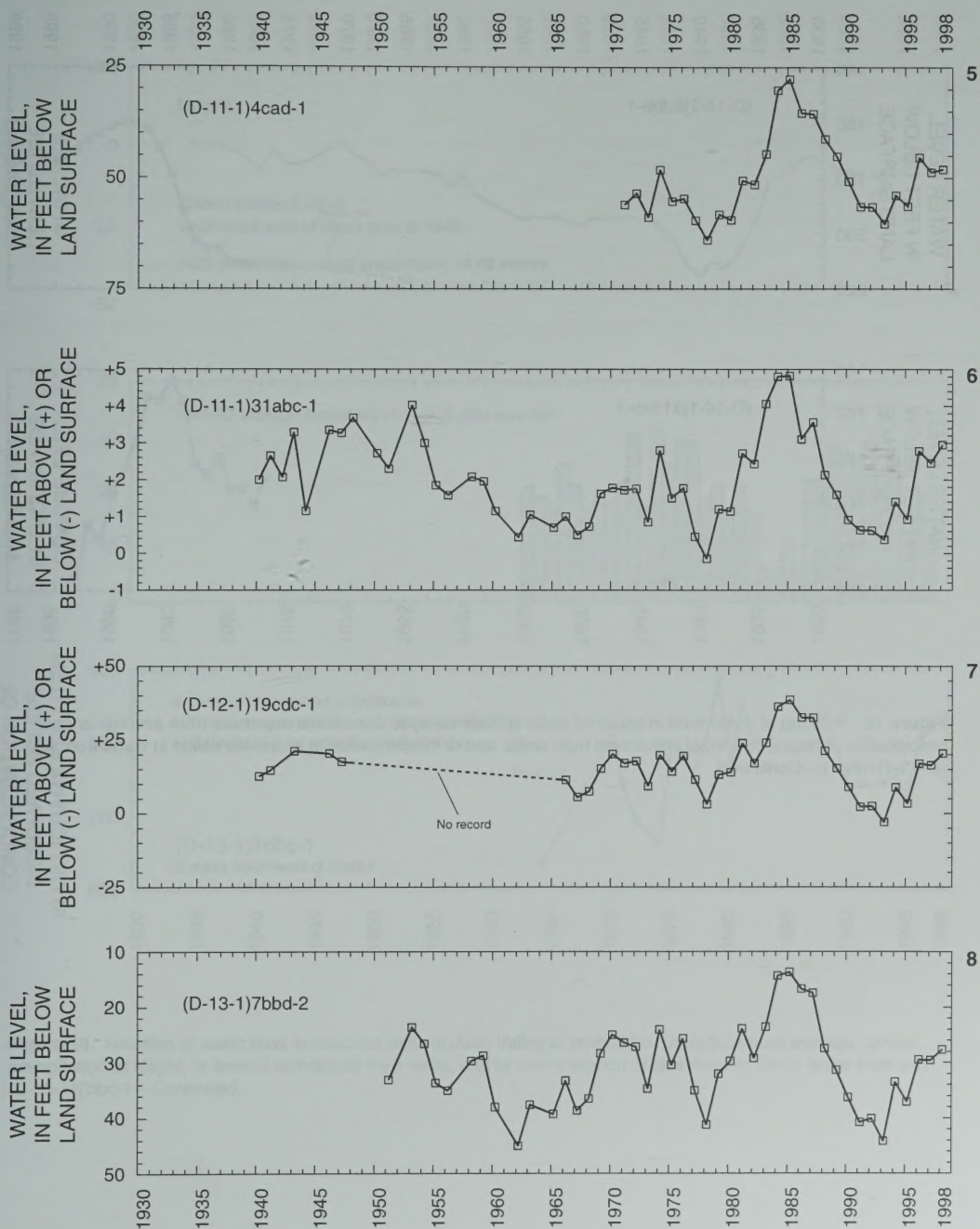


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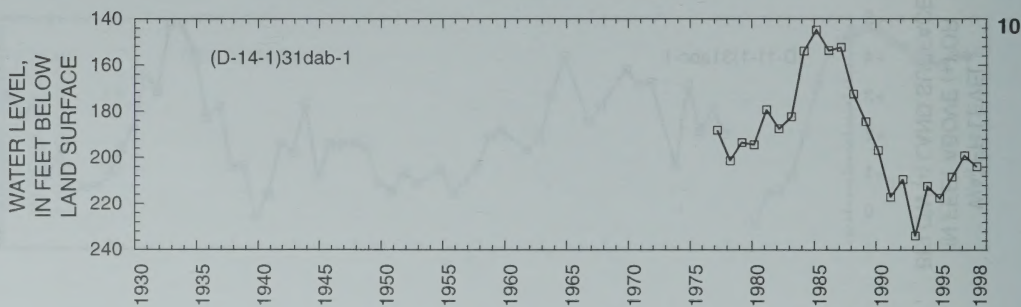
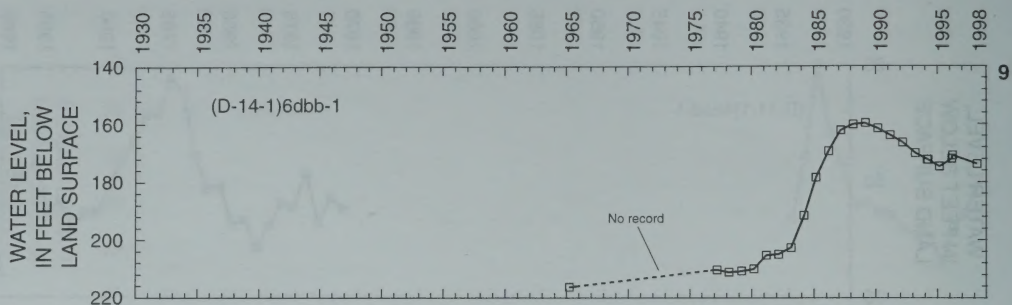


**Figure 16.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Juab Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Nephi, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (D-13-1)7dbc-1.



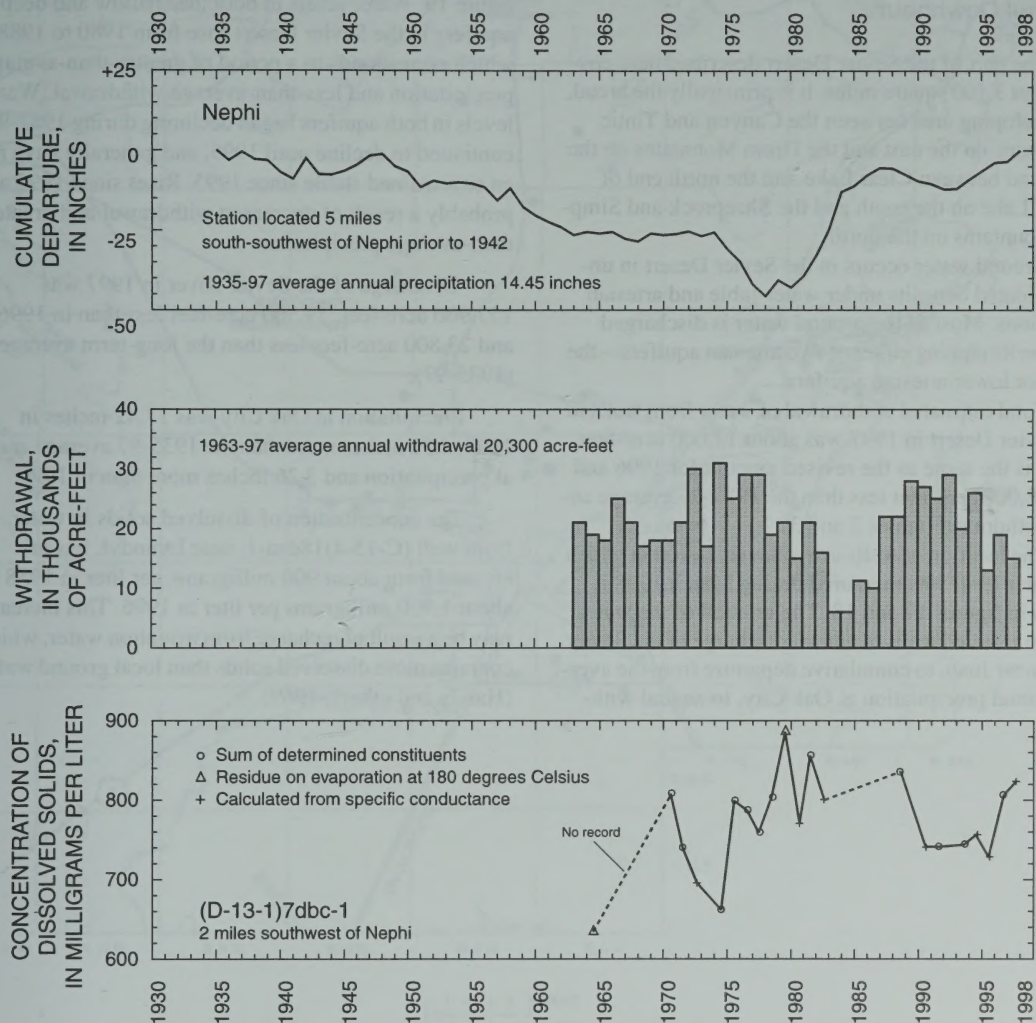


**Figure 16.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Juab Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Nephi, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (D-13-1)7dbc-1—Continued.



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## SEVIER DESERT

By Paul Downhour

The part of the Sevier Desert described here covers about 3,100 square miles. It is principally the broad, gently sloping area between the Canyon and Tintic Mountains on the east and the Drum Mountains on the west, and between Clear Lake and the north end of Sevier Lake on the south and the Sheeprock and Simpson Mountains on the north.

Ground water occurs in the Sevier Desert in unconsolidated deposits under water-table and artesian conditions. Most of the ground water is discharged from wells tapping either of two artesian aquifers—the upper or lower artesian aquifer.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the Sevier Desert in 1997 was about 17,000 acre-feet, which is the same as the revised amount for 1996 and about 8,000 acre-feet less than the 1987-96 average annual withdrawal (tables 2 and 3).

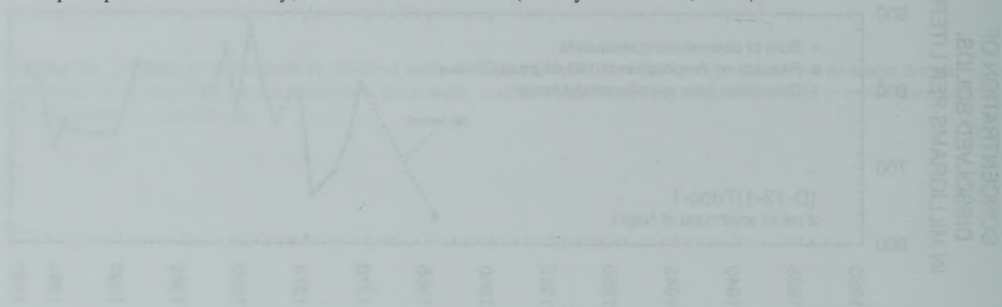
The location of wells in the Sevier Desert in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figures 17 and 18. The relation of the water level in selected wells to annual discharge of the Sevier River near Juab, to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Oak City, to annual with-

drawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-15-4)18daa-1 is shown in figure 19. Water levels in both the shallow and deep aquifers in the Sevier Desert rose from 1980 to 1988, which corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation and less-than-average withdrawal. Water levels in both aquifers began declining during 1987-90, continued to decline until 1995, and generally have risen or remained stable since 1995. Rises since 1995 are probably a result of decreased withdrawal and greater-than-average precipitation.

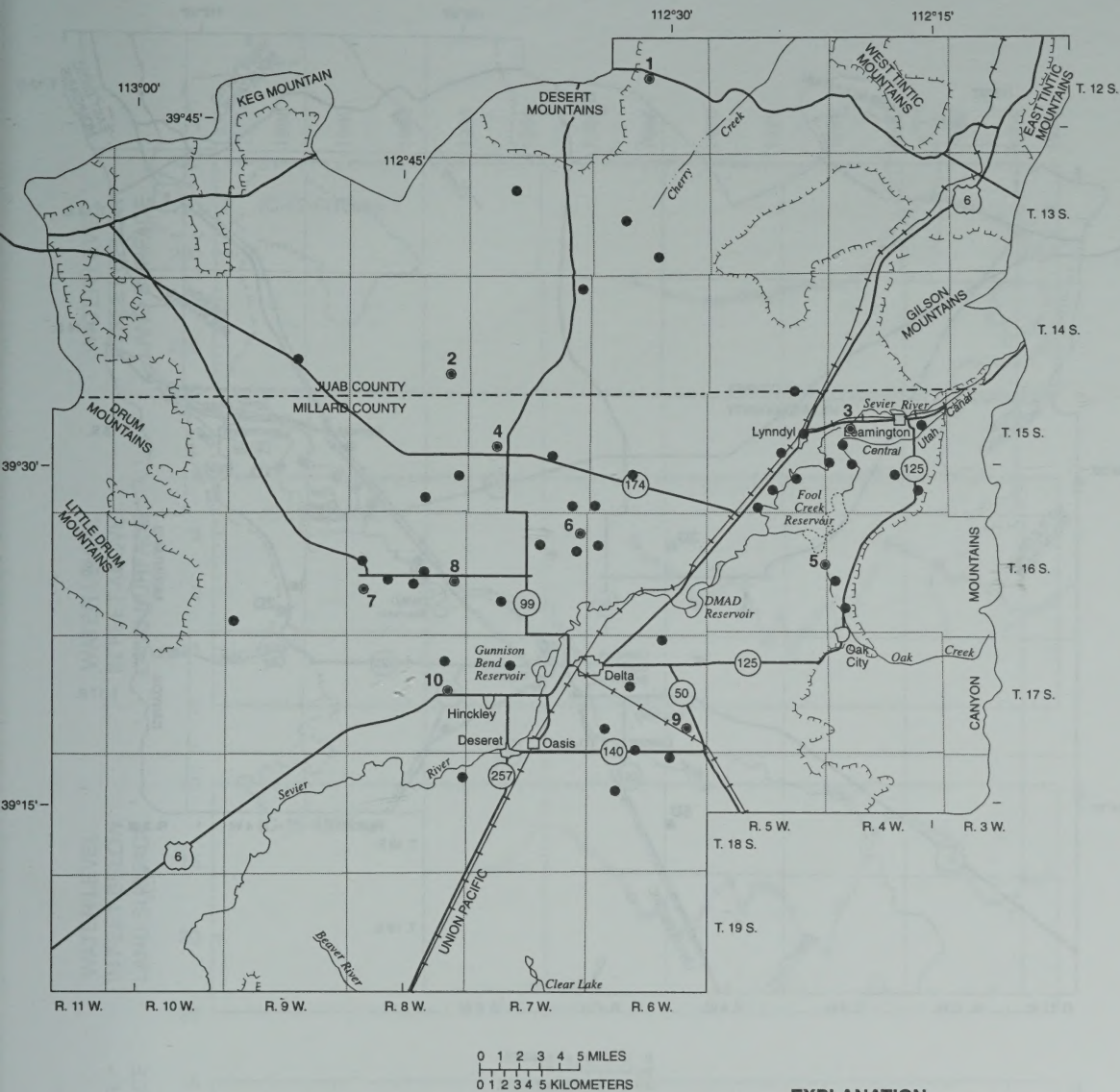
Discharge of the Sevier River in 1997 was 157,900 acre-feet, 59,500 acre-feet less than in 1996 and 23,800 acre-feet less than the long-term average (1935-97).

Precipitation at Oak City was 17.42 inches in 1997, 4.51 inches more than the 1935-97 average annual precipitation and 3.26 inches more than in 1996.

The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-15-4)18daa-1, near Lynndyl, has increased from about 900 milligrams per liter in 1958 to about 1,900 milligrams per liter in 1996. This increase may be a result of recharge from irrigation water, which contains more dissolved solids than local ground water (Handy and others, 1969).



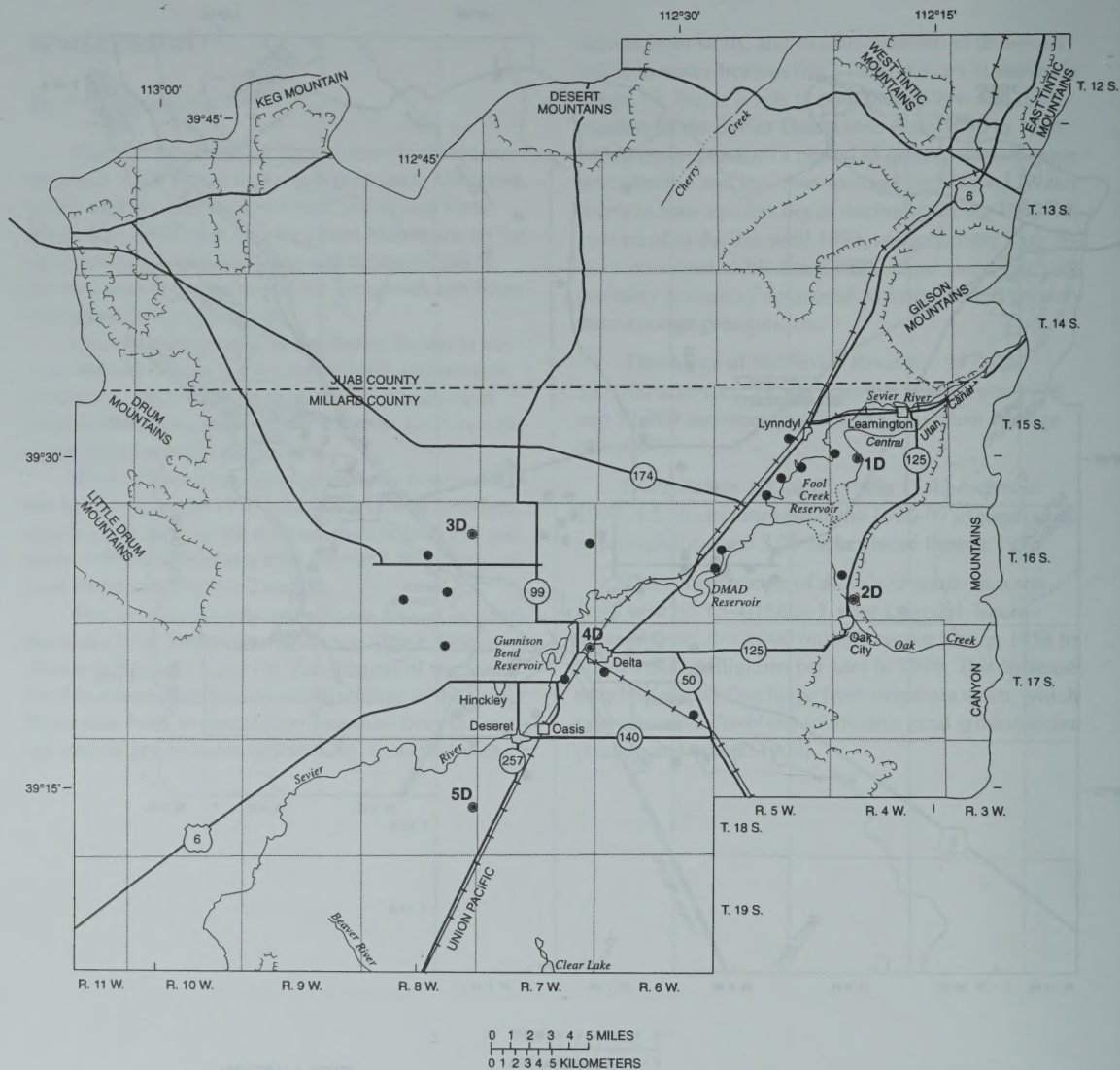




#### EXPLANATION

- Approximate boundary of basin-fill deposits
- Observation well
- Observation well with corresponding hydrograph—Number refers to hydrograph in figure 19

**Figure 17.** Location of wells in part of the Sevier Desert in which the water level was measured during March 1998 in the shallow artesian aquifer.

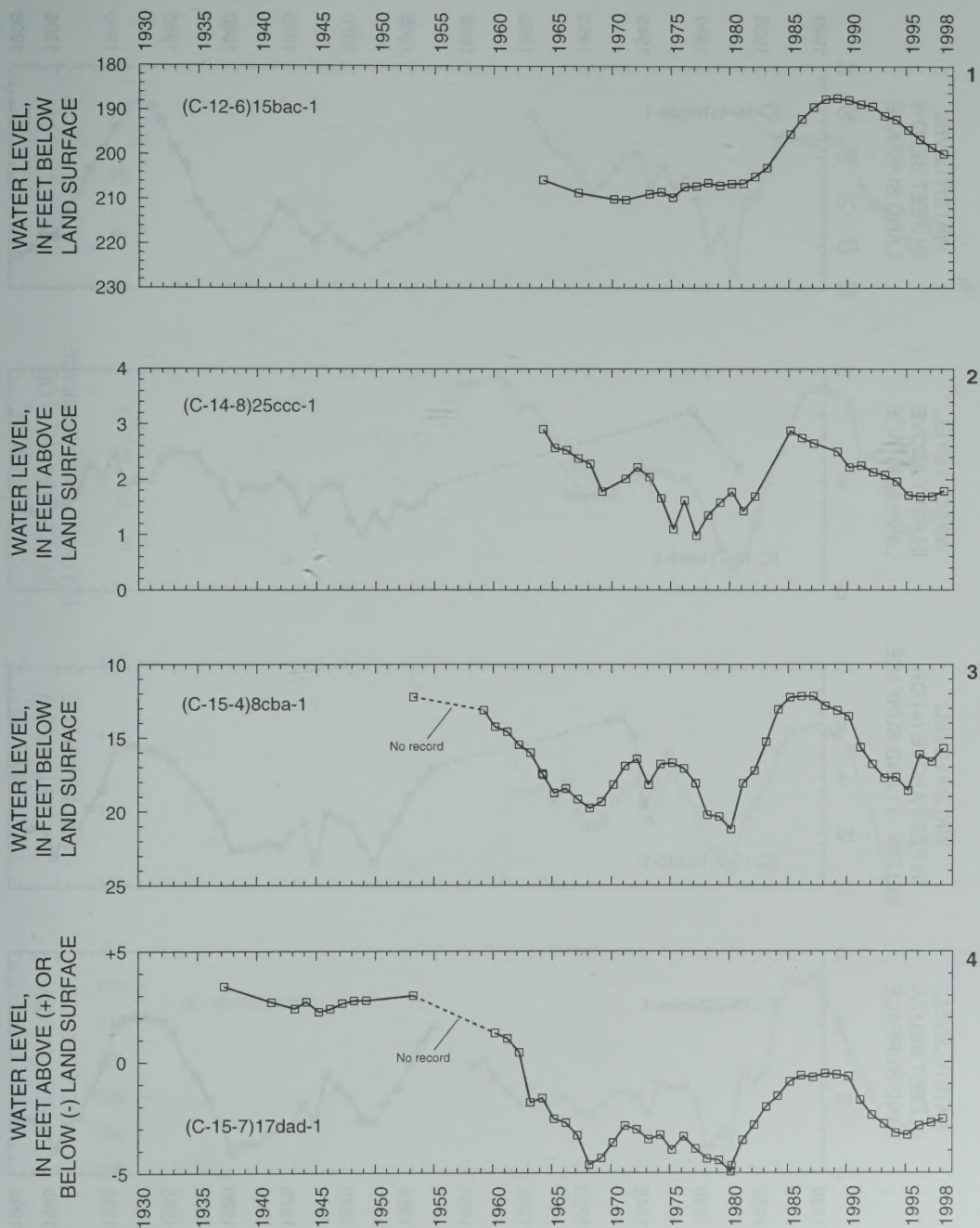


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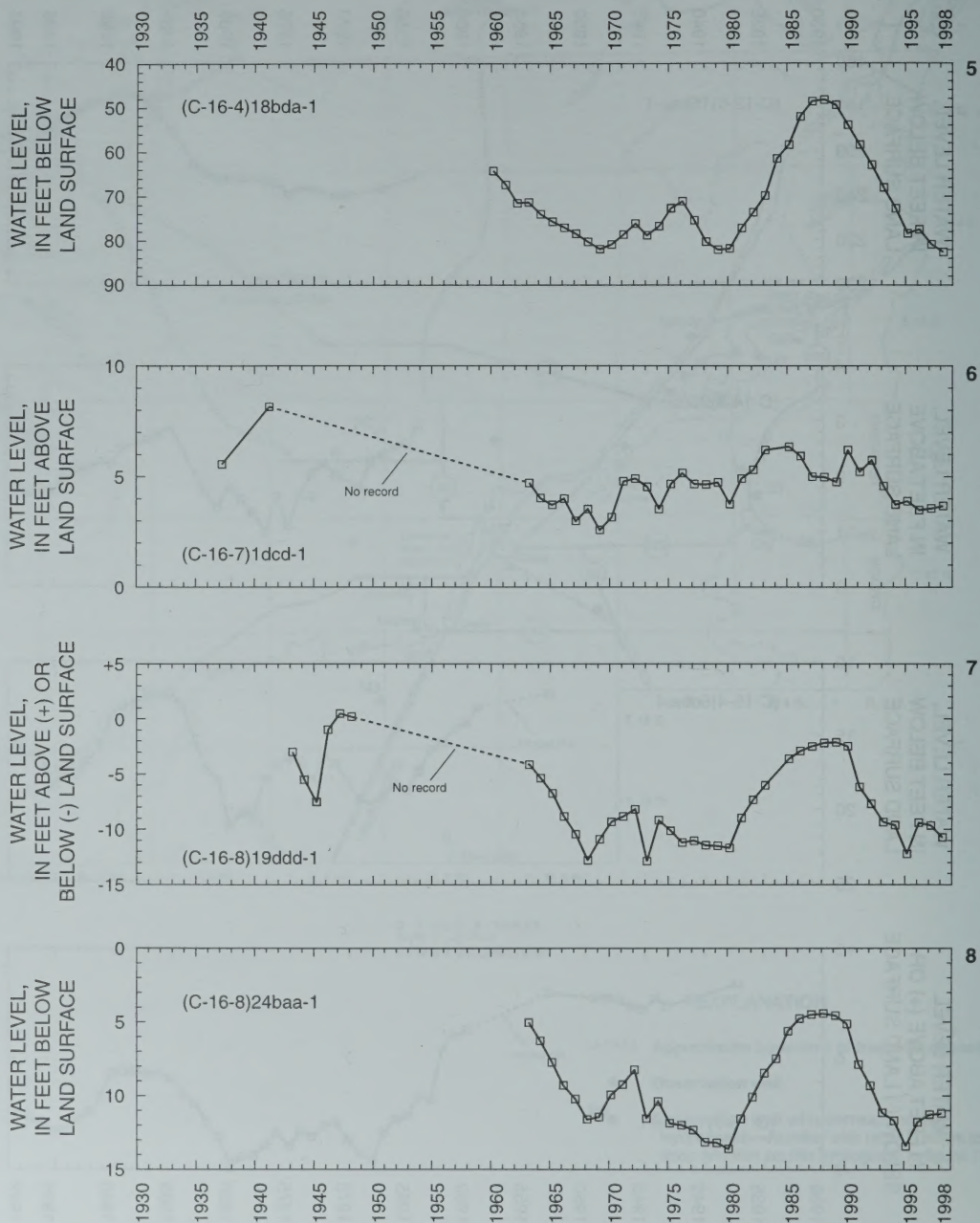
- Approximate boundary of basin-fill deposits
- Observation well
- 5D ● Observation well with corresponding hydrograph—Number with letter D refers to deep artesian aquifer hydrograph in figure 19

Figure 18. Location of wells in part of the Sevier Desert in which the water level was measured during March 1998 in the deep artesian aquifer.



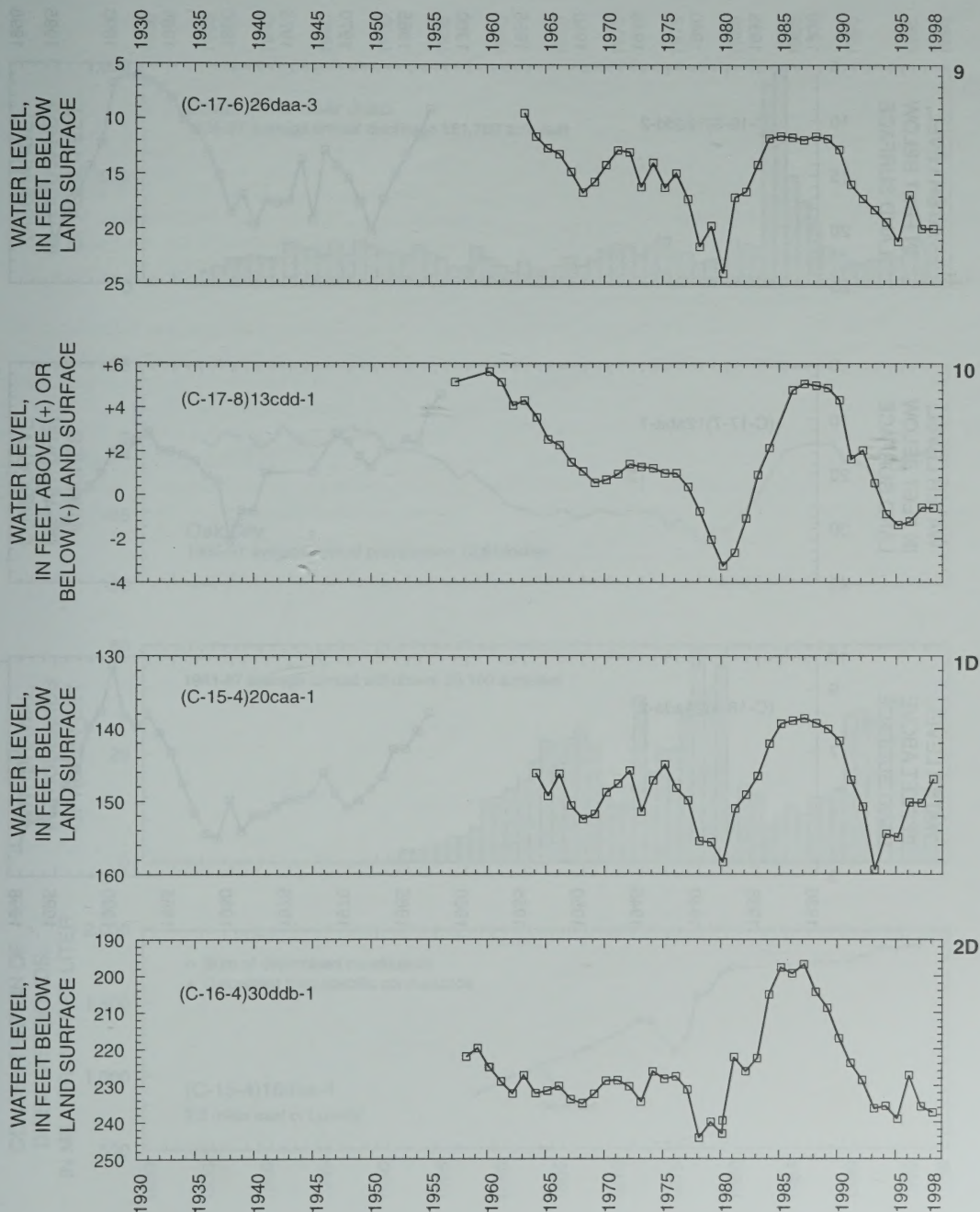


**Figure 19.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the Sevier Desert to annual discharge of the Sevier River near Juab, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Oak City, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-15-4)18daa-1.

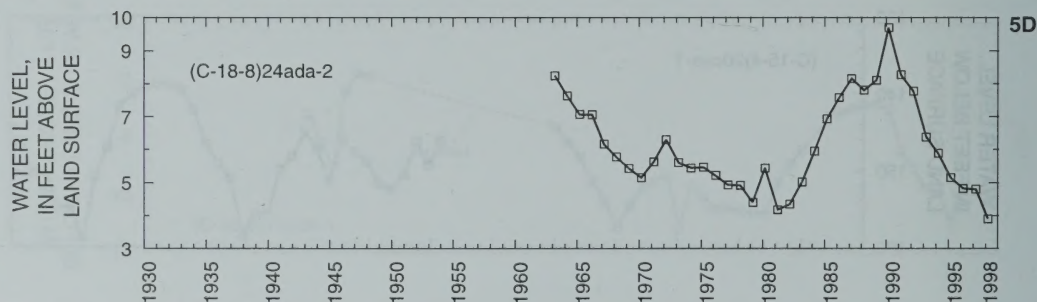
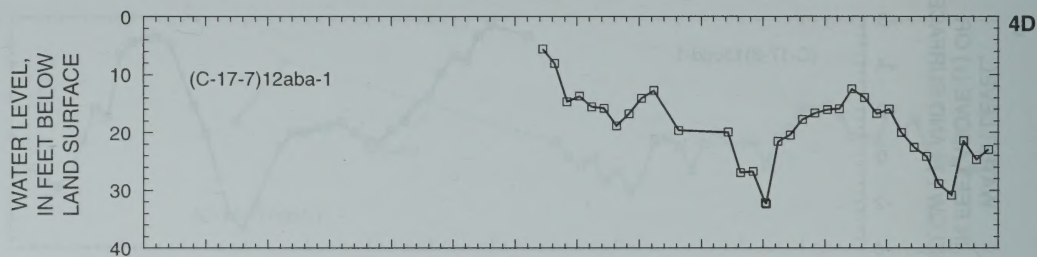
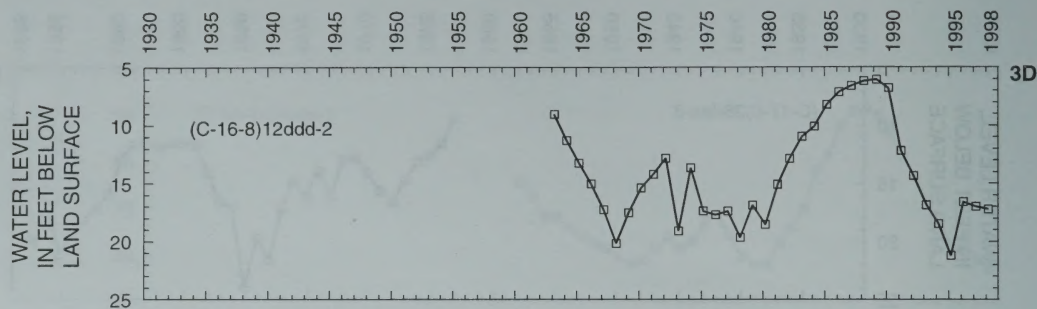


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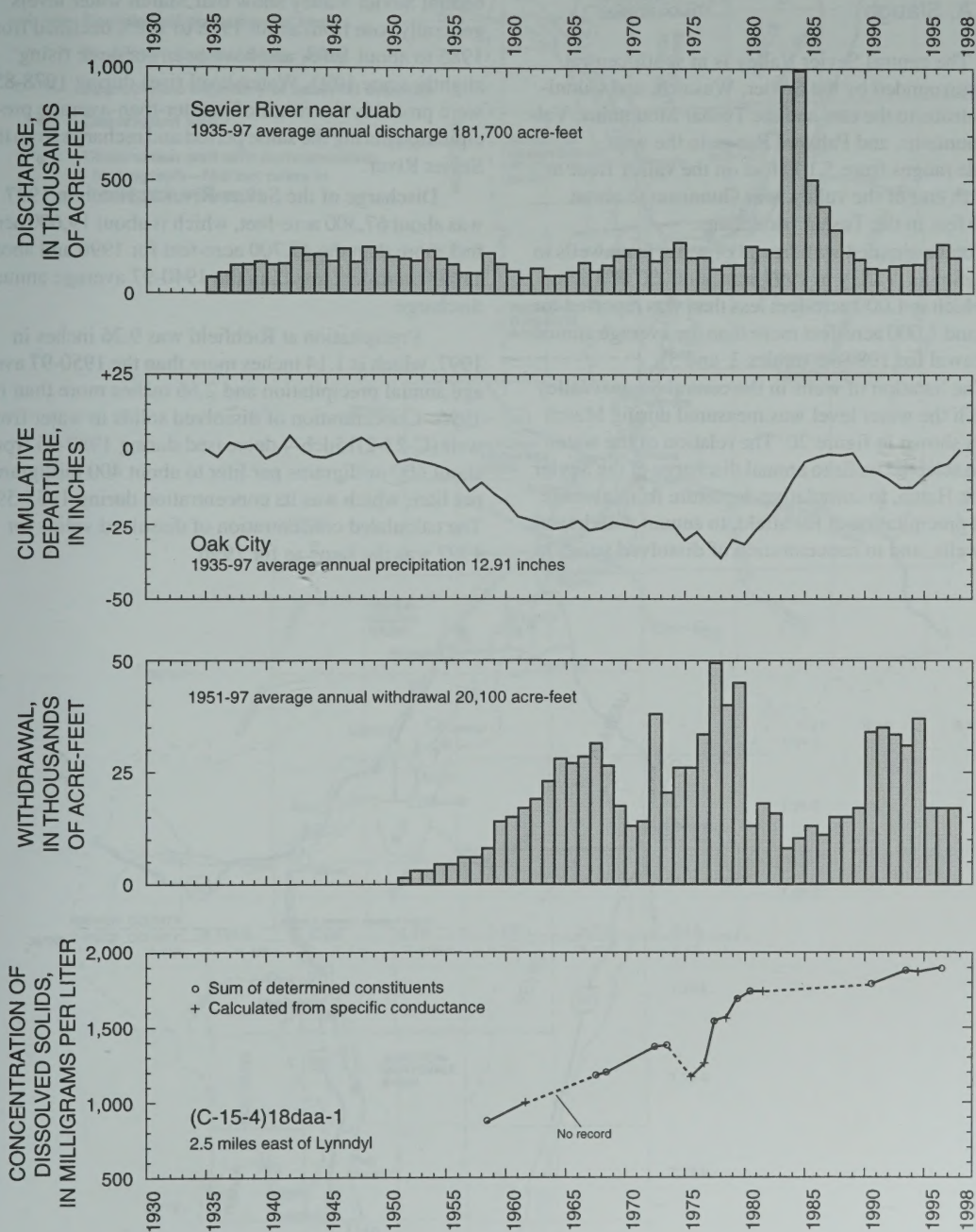


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## CENTRAL SEVIER VALLEY

By B.A. Slaugh

The central Sevier Valley is in south-central Utah, surrounded by the Sevier, Wasatch, and Gunnison Plateaus to the east and the Tushar Mountains, Valley Mountains, and Pahvant Range to the west. Altitude ranges from 5,100 feet on the valley floor at the north end of the valley near Gunnison to about 12,000 feet in the Tushar Mountains.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in central Sevier Valley in 1997 was about 20,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 1996, and 1,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in the central Sevier Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 20. The relation of the water level in selected wells to annual discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Richfield, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in

water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4 is shown in figure 21. Long-term hydrographs for selected wells in the central Sevier Valley show that March water levels generally rose from about 1978 to 1985, declined from 1985 to about 1993, and have been stable or rising slightly since 1993. Water-level rises during 1978-85 were probably the result of greater-than-average precipitation during the same period and recharge from the Sevier River.

Discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch in 1997 was about 67,300 acre-feet, which is about 19,600 acre-feet more than the 47,700 acre-feet for 1996 and about 11,900 acre-feet less than the 1940-97 average annual discharge.

Precipitation at Richfield was 9.26 inches in 1997, which is 1.14 inches more than the 1950-97 average annual precipitation and 2.66 inches more than in 1996. Concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4 decreased during 1987-95 from about 600 milligrams per liter to about 400 milligrams per liter, which was its concentration during 1955-59. The calculated concentration of dissolved solids for 1997 was the same as for 1996.





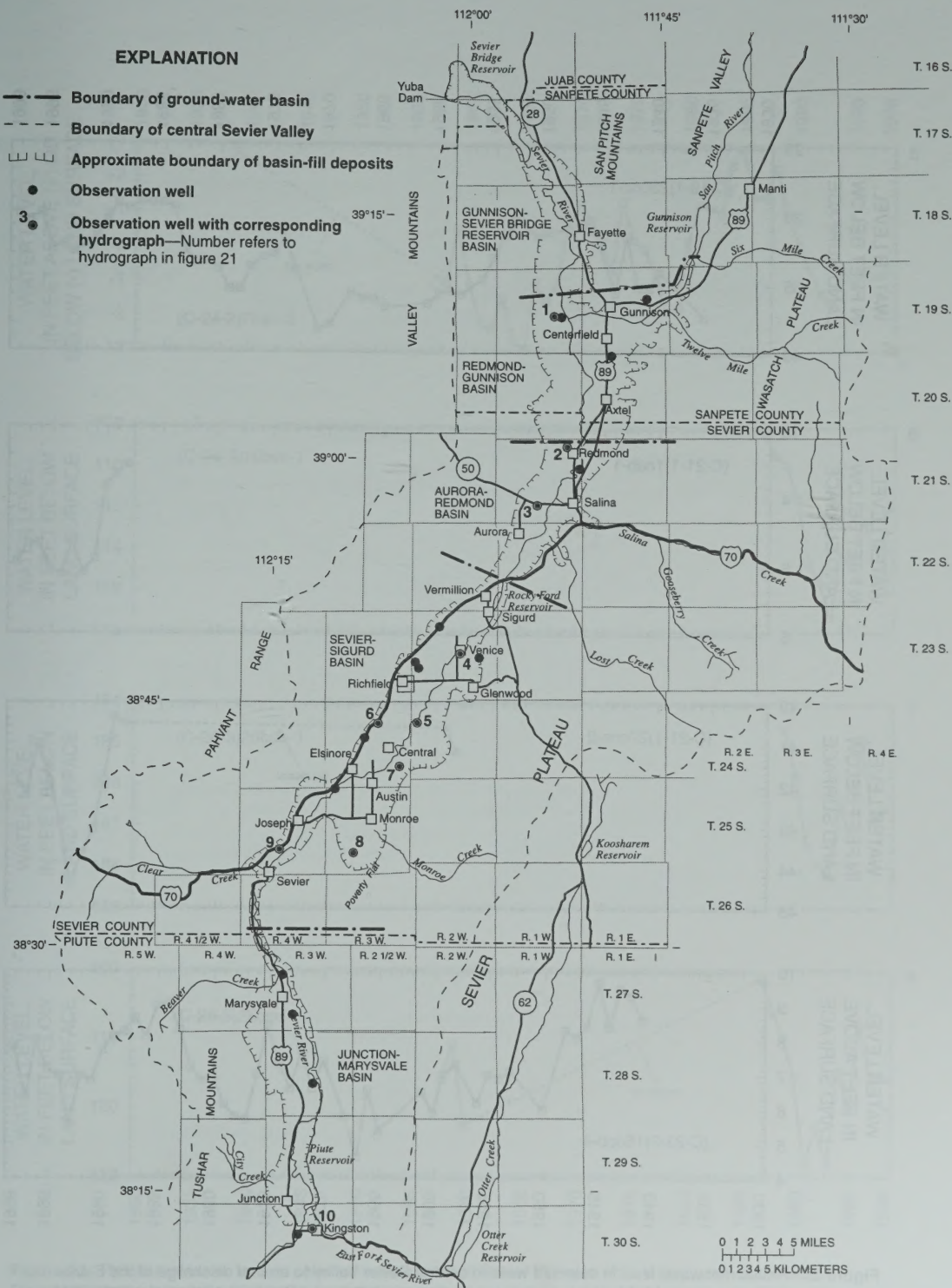
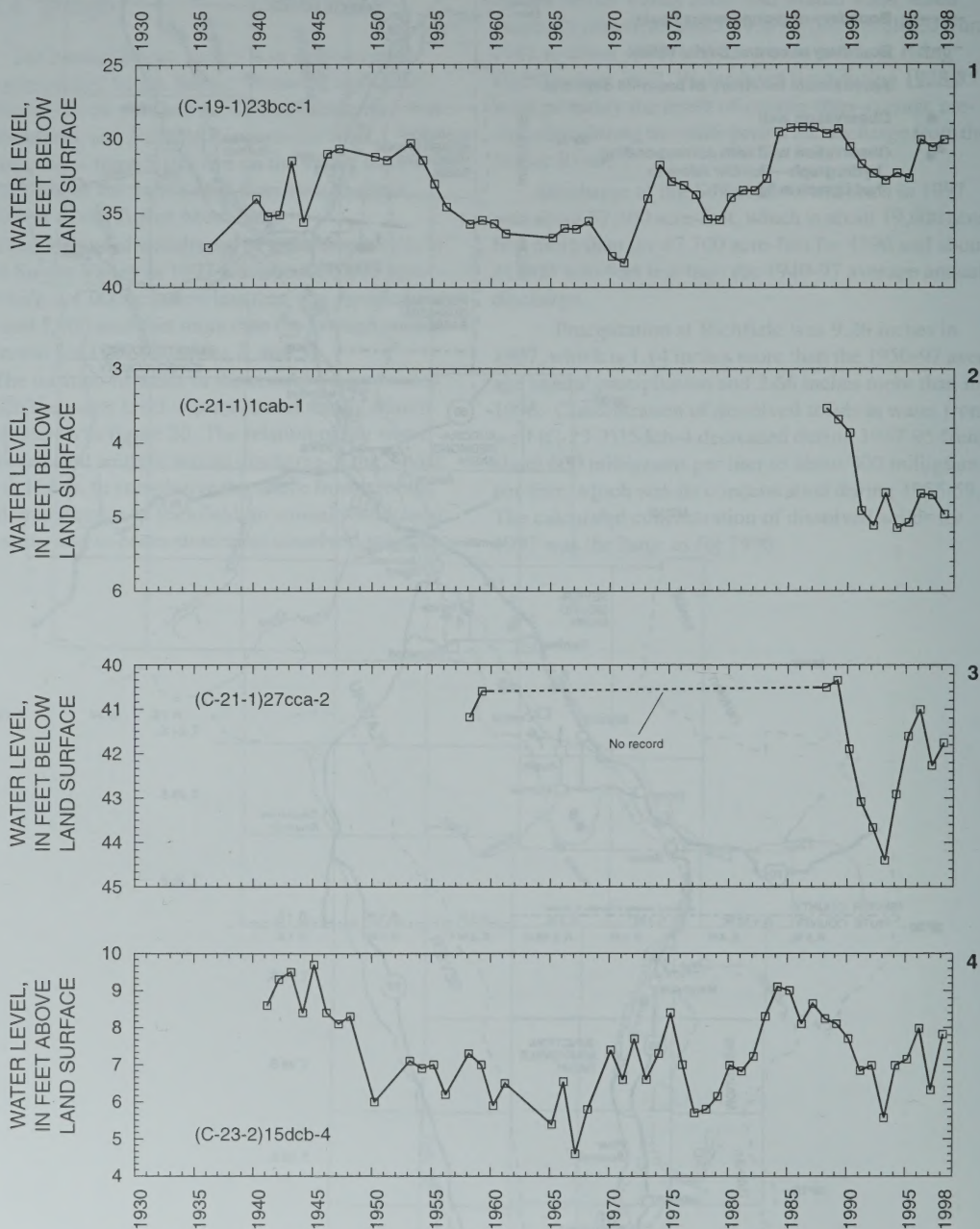
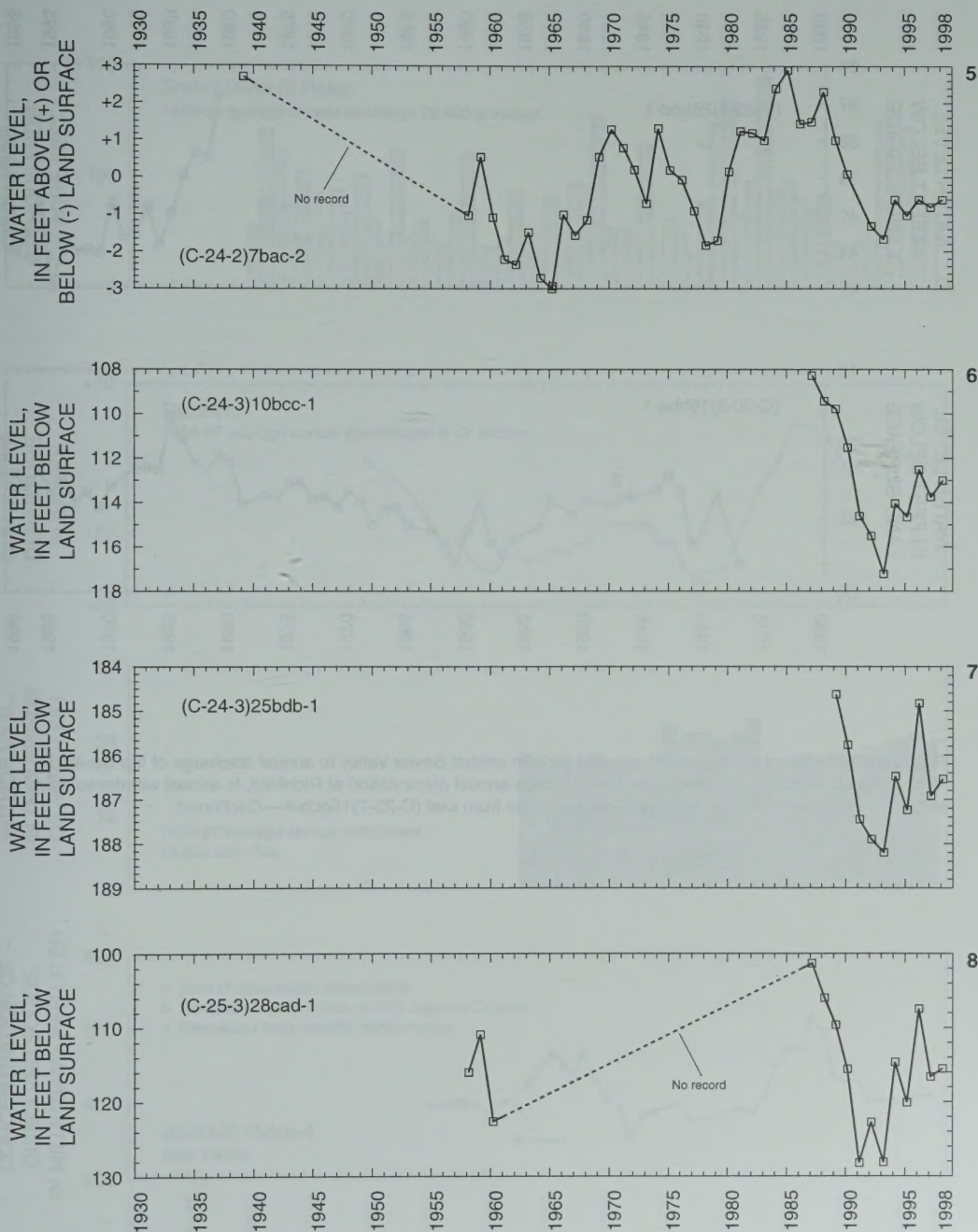


Figure 20. Location of wells in central Sevier Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998.

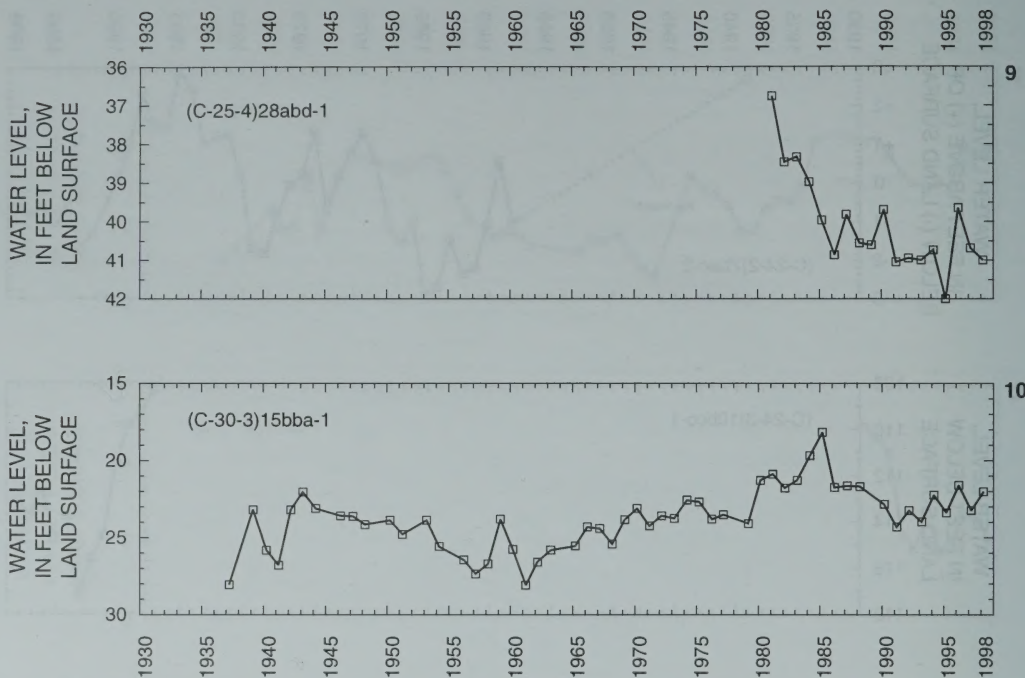


**Figure 21.** Relation of water level in selected wells in central Sevier Valley to annual discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Richfield, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4.



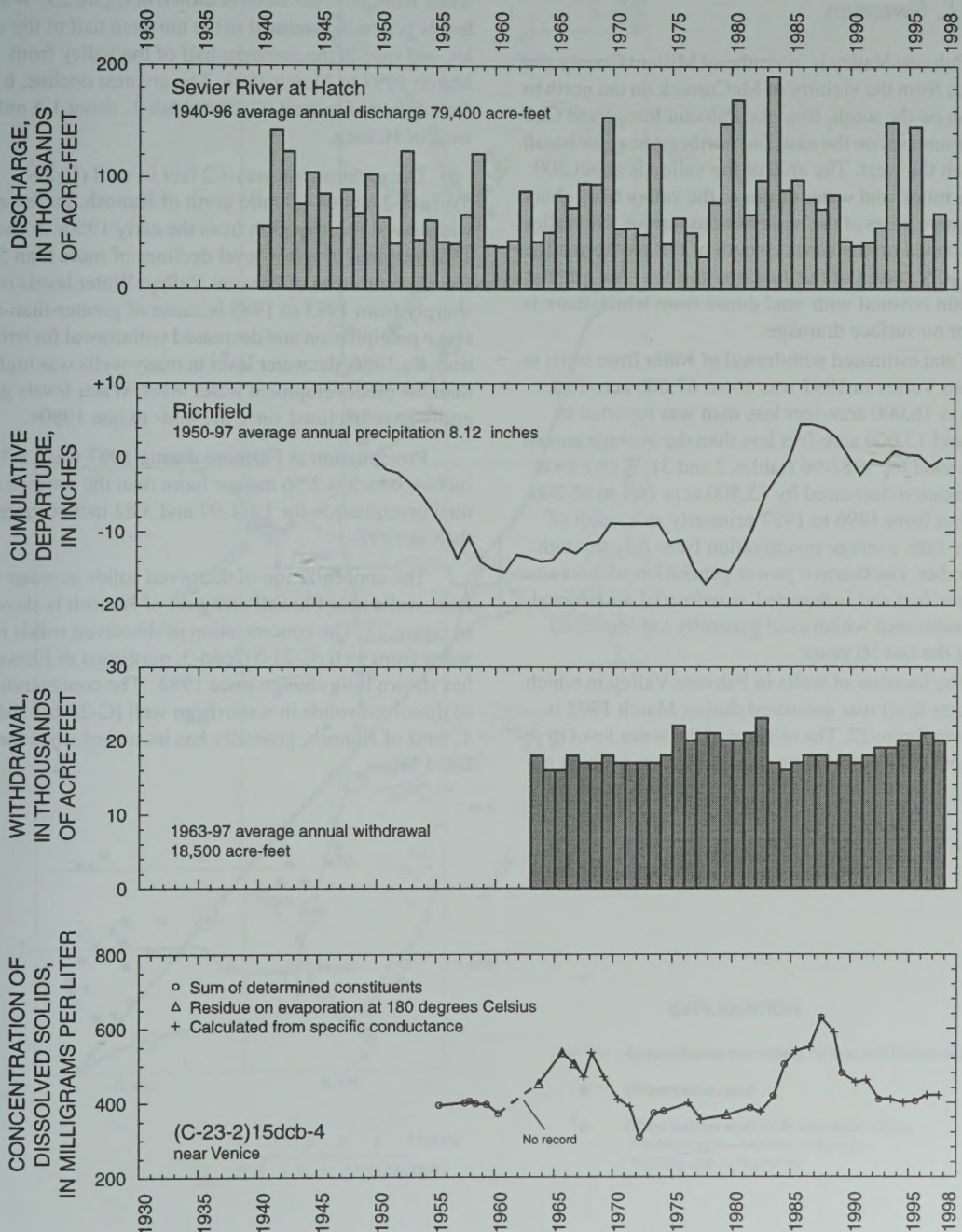


**Figure 21.** Relation of water level in selected wells in central Sevier Valley to annual discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Richfield, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4—Continued.



**Figure 21.** Relation of water level in selected wells in central Sevier Valley to annual discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Richfield, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4—Continued.





**Figure 21.** Relation of water level in selected wells in central Sevier Valley to annual discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Richfield, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4—Continued.

## PAHVANT VALLEY

By R.L. Swenson

Pahvant Valley is in southeast Millard County and extends from the vicinity of McCornick on the north to Kanosh on the south, from the Pahvant Range and Canyon Mountains on the east and northeast to a low basalt ridge on the west. The area of the valley is about 300 square miles, and water drains to the valley from about 500 square miles of the mountainous terrain. The valley is undrained on the surface south of the southern edge of T. 20 S.; north of this line, the surface is an undulating plain covered with sand dunes from which there is little or no surface drainage.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Pahvant Valley in 1997 was about 67,000 acre-feet, which is 16,000 acre-feet less than was reported in 1996 and 13,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for irrigation decreased by 15,800 acre-feet to 66,200 acre-feet from 1996 to 1997 primarily as a result of greater-than-average precipitation from July through September. Geothermal power generation withdraws 550 acre-feet and is reported as industrial withdrawal. Total estimated withdrawal generally has increased during the last 10 years.

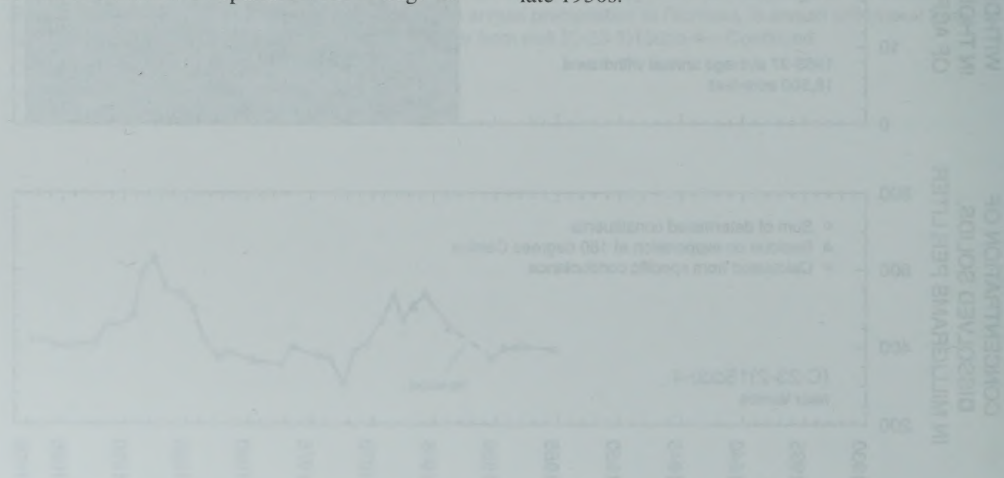
The location of wells in Pahvant Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 22. The relation of the water level in selected wells to cumulative departure from average an-

nual precipitation at Fillmore, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells is shown in figure 23. Water levels generally declined in the northern half of the valley and rose in the southern half of the valley from March 1997 to March 1998. The greatest decline, 6.0 feet, occurred in well (C-20-4)4dab-1, about 1.5 miles west of Holden.

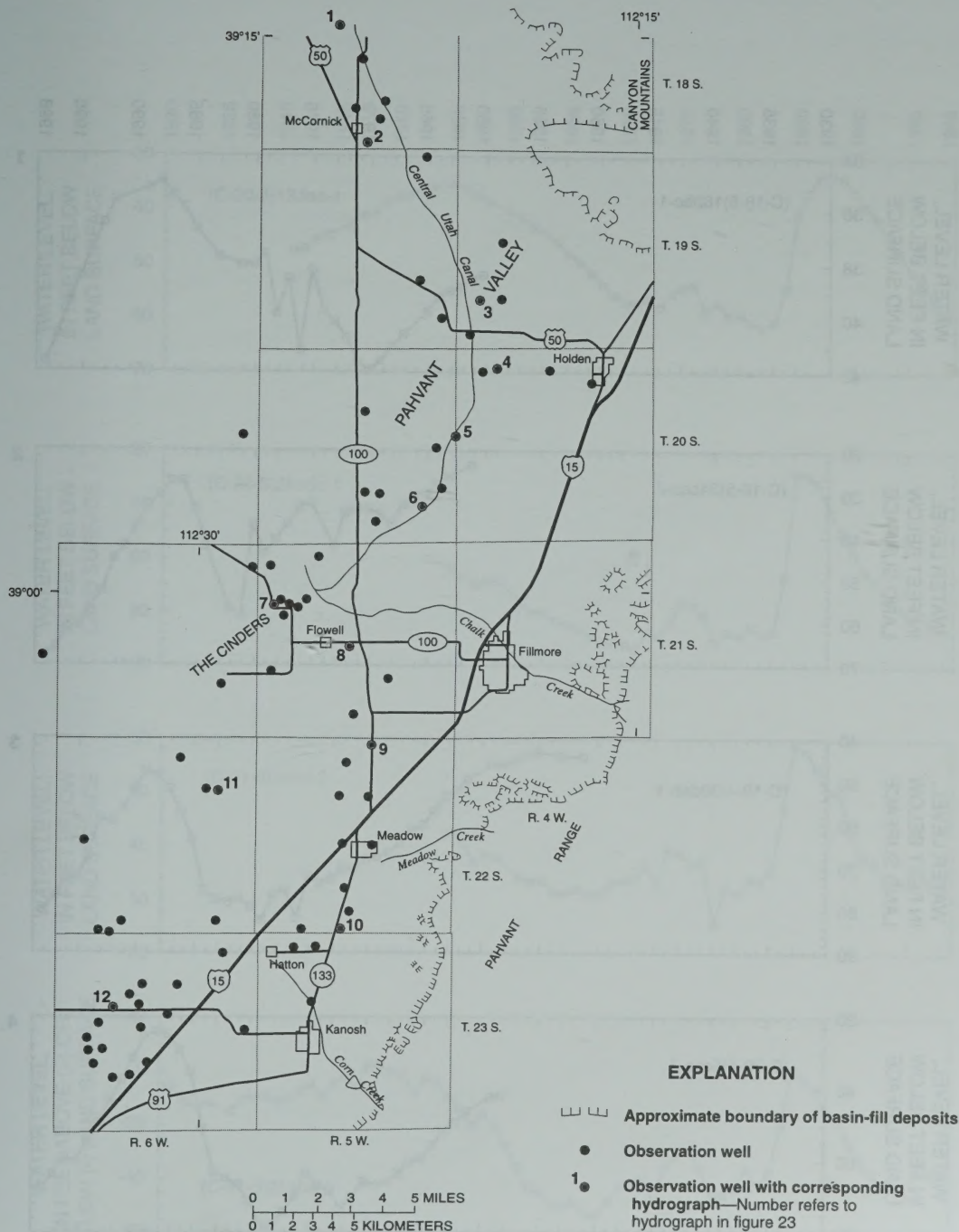
The greatest rise was 7.2 feet in well (C-23-5)17aac-2, about 1.0 mile north of Kanosh. Increased withdrawal for irrigation from the early 1950s to about 1981 resulted in water-level declines of more than 50 feet in some areas of Pahvant Valley. Water levels rose sharply from 1983 to 1985 because of greater-than-average precipitation and decreased withdrawal for irrigation. By 1986, the water level in many wells was higher than the predevelopment water level. Water levels generally have declined since the mid- to late 1980s.

Precipitation at Fillmore during 1997 was 18.39 inches, which is 3.36 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1931-97 and 3.82 inches more than in 1997.

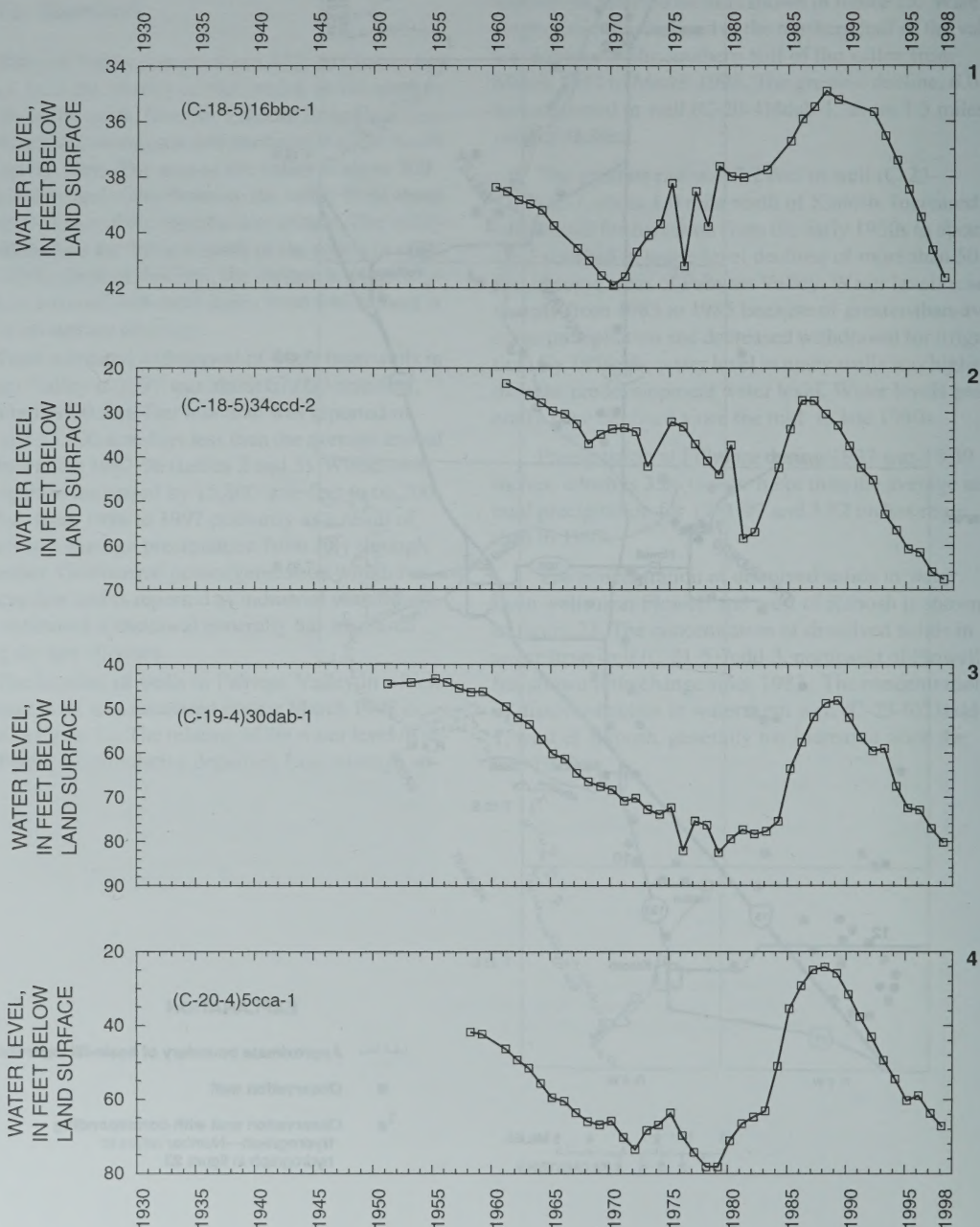
The concentration of dissolved solids in water from wells near Flowell and west of Kanosh is shown in figure 23. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-21-5)7cdd-3, northwest of Flowell, has shown little change since 1983. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-6)21bdd-1, west of Kanosh, generally has increased since the late 1950s.





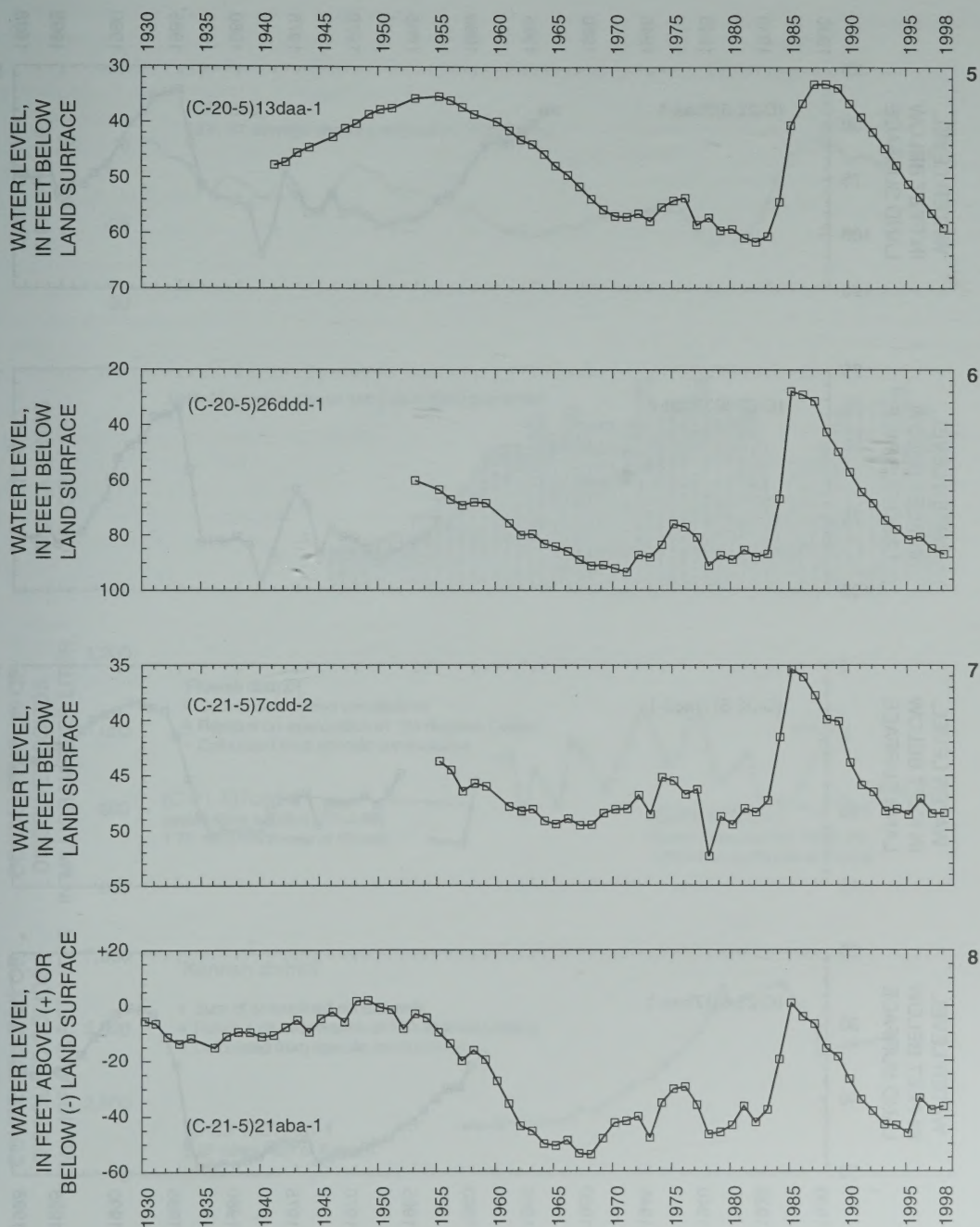


**Figure 22.** Location of wells in Pahvant Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998.

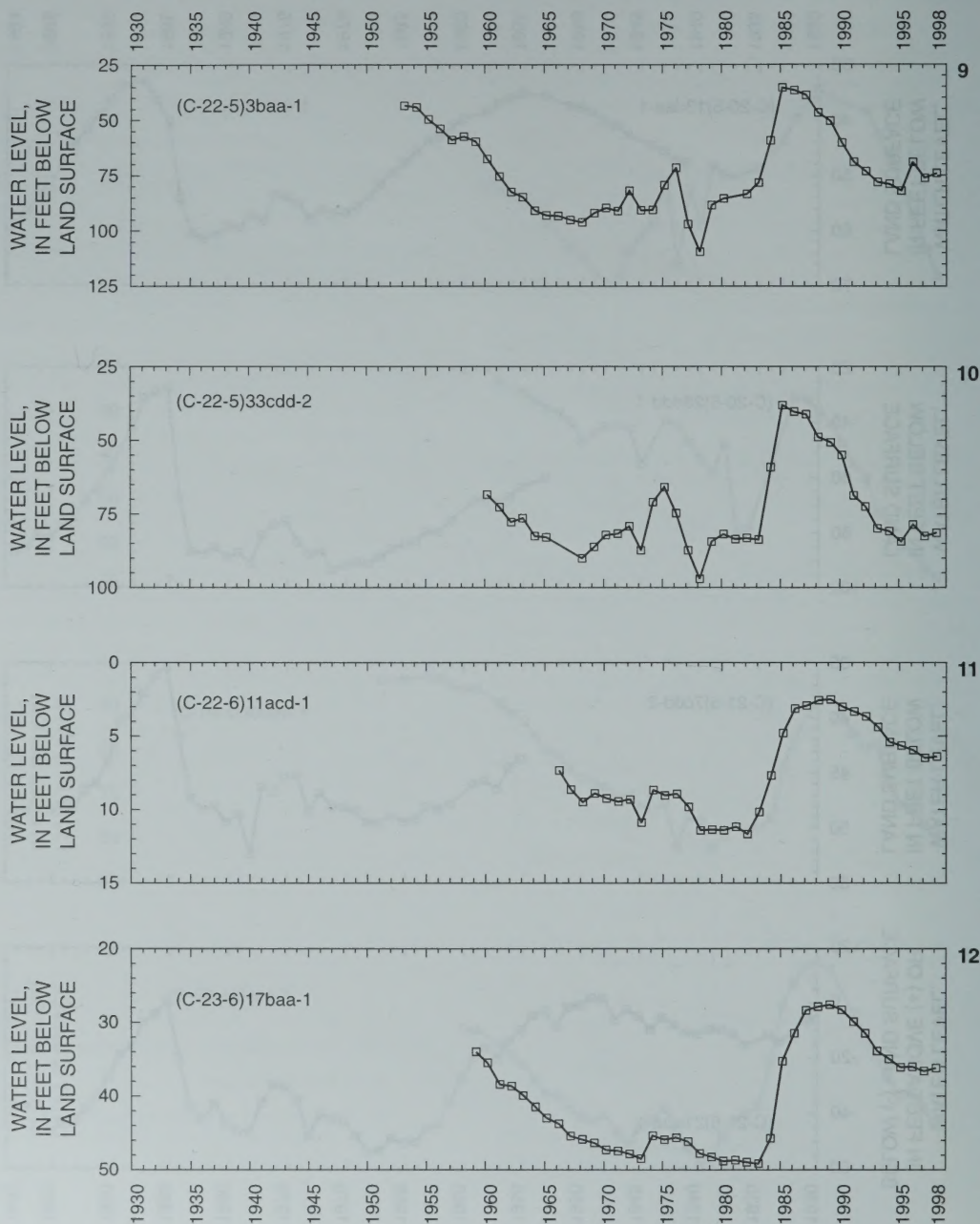


**Figure 23.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Pahvant Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Fillmore, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells.



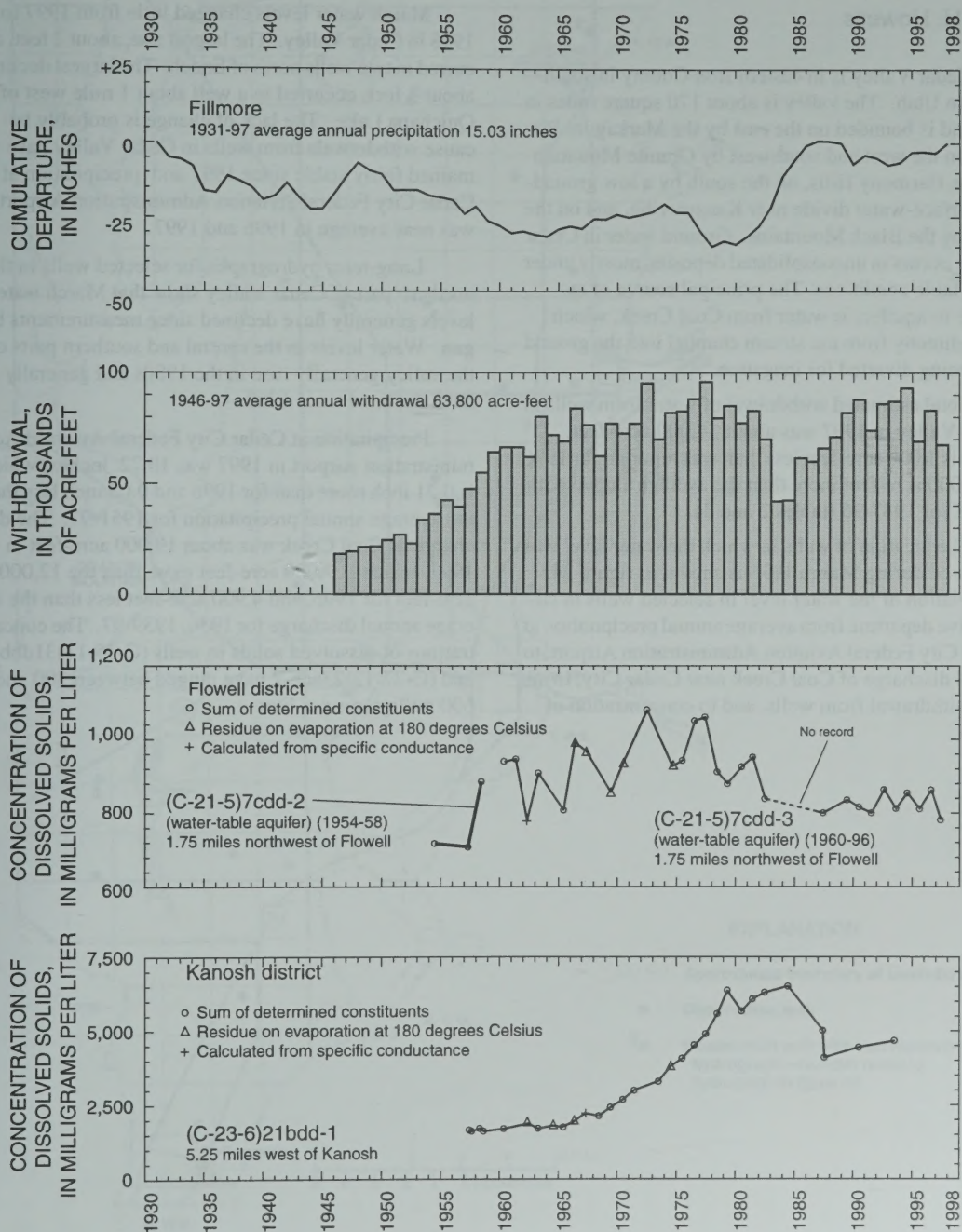


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## CEDAR VALLEY, IRON COUNTY

By J.H. Howells

Cedar Valley is in eastern Iron County in southwestern Utah. The valley is about 170 square miles in area and is bounded on the east by the Markagunt Plateau, on the west and southwest by Granite Mountain and the Harmony Hills, on the south by a low ground- and surface-water divide near Kanarraville, and on the north by the Black Mountains. Ground water in Cedar Valley occurs in unconsolidated deposits, mostly under water-table conditions. The principal source of recharge to aquifers is water from Coal Creek, which seeps directly from the stream channel into the ground after being diverted for irrigation.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Cedar Valley in 1997 was about 34,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 1996 and 4,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 24. The relation of the water level in selected wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport, to annual discharge of Coal Creek near Cedar City, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of

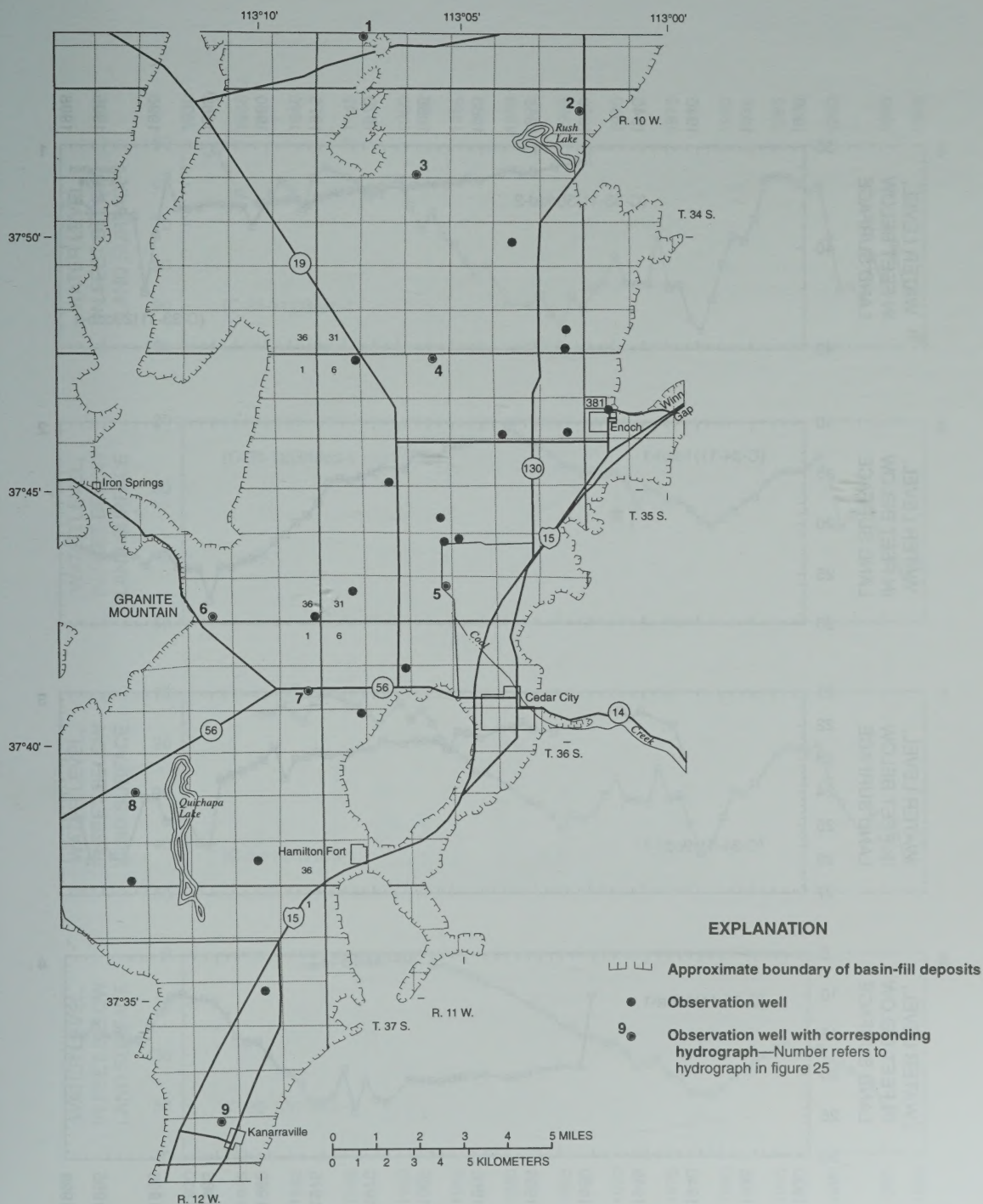
dissolved solids in water from selected wells is shown in figure 25.

March water levels changed little from 1997 to 1998 in Cedar Valley. The largest rise, about 2 feet, occurred in two wells north of Enoch. The largest decline, about 3 feet, occurred in a well about 1 mile west of Quichapa Lake. The lack of change is probably because withdrawals from wells in Cedar Valley have remained fairly stable since 1991 and precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport was near average in 1996 and 1997.

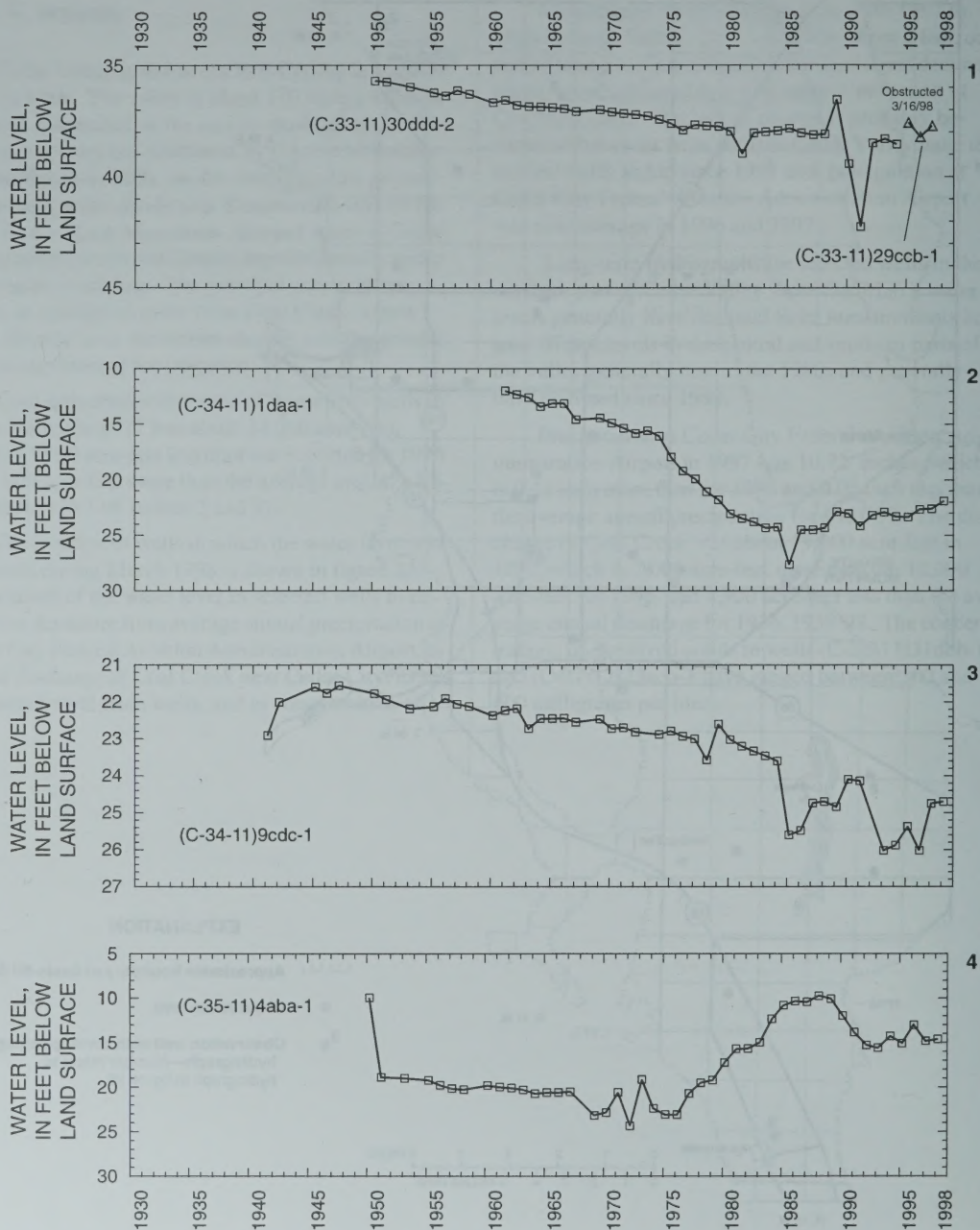
Long-term hydrographs for selected wells in the northern part of Cedar Valley show that March water levels generally have declined since measurements began. Water levels in the central and southern parts of the valley generally rose in the 1980s and generally have declined since 1989.

Precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport in 1997 was 10.72 inches, which is 0.21 inch more than for 1996 and 0.08 inch less than the average annual precipitation for 1951-97. The discharge of Coal Creek was about 19,000 acre-feet in 1997, which is 7,000 acre-feet more than the 12,000 acre-feet for 1996, and 4,900 acre-feet less than the average annual discharge for 1936, 1939-97. The concentrations of dissolved solids in wells (C-35-11)31dbb-1 and (C-27-12)23acb-2 have ranged between 300 and 600 milligrams per liter.



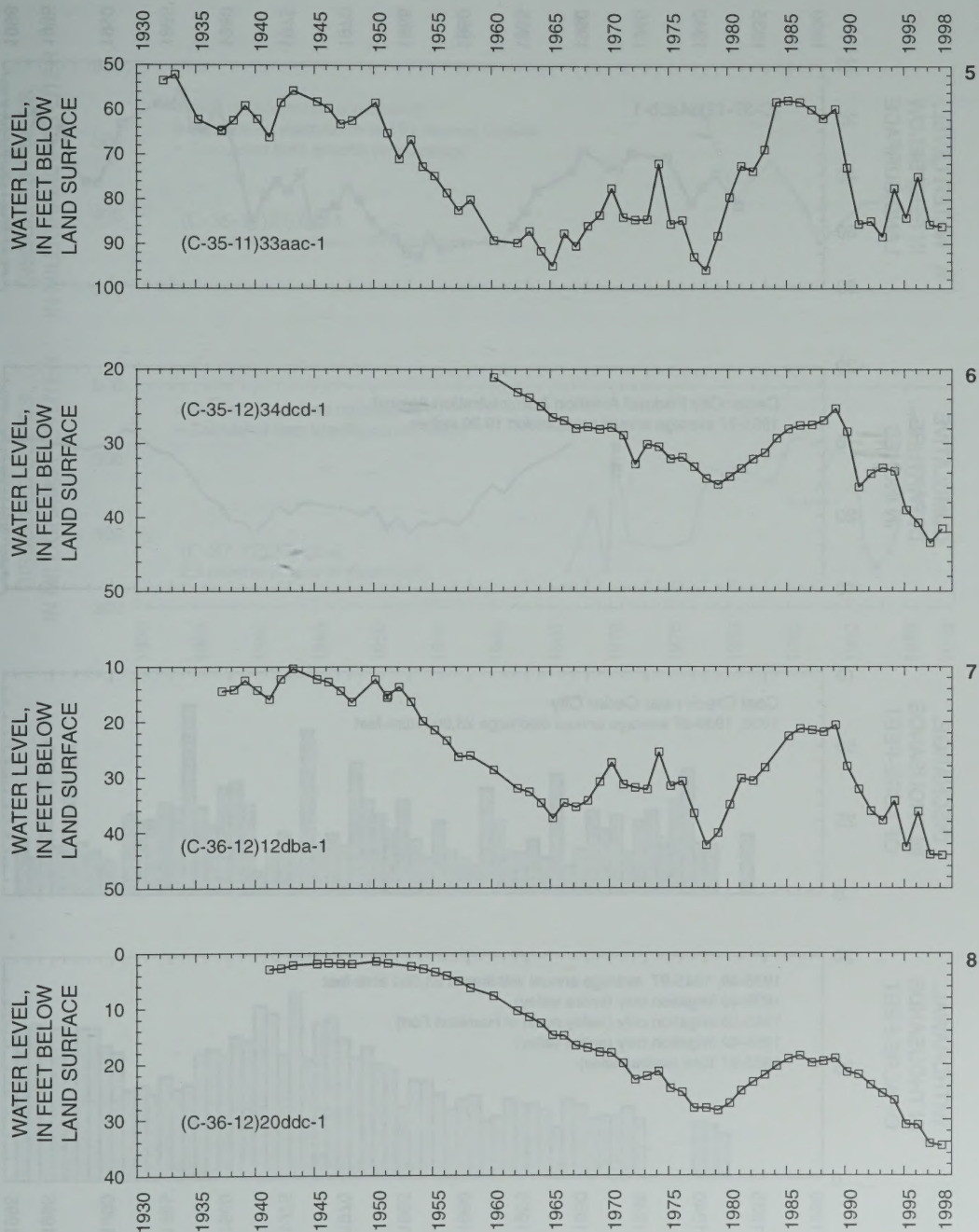


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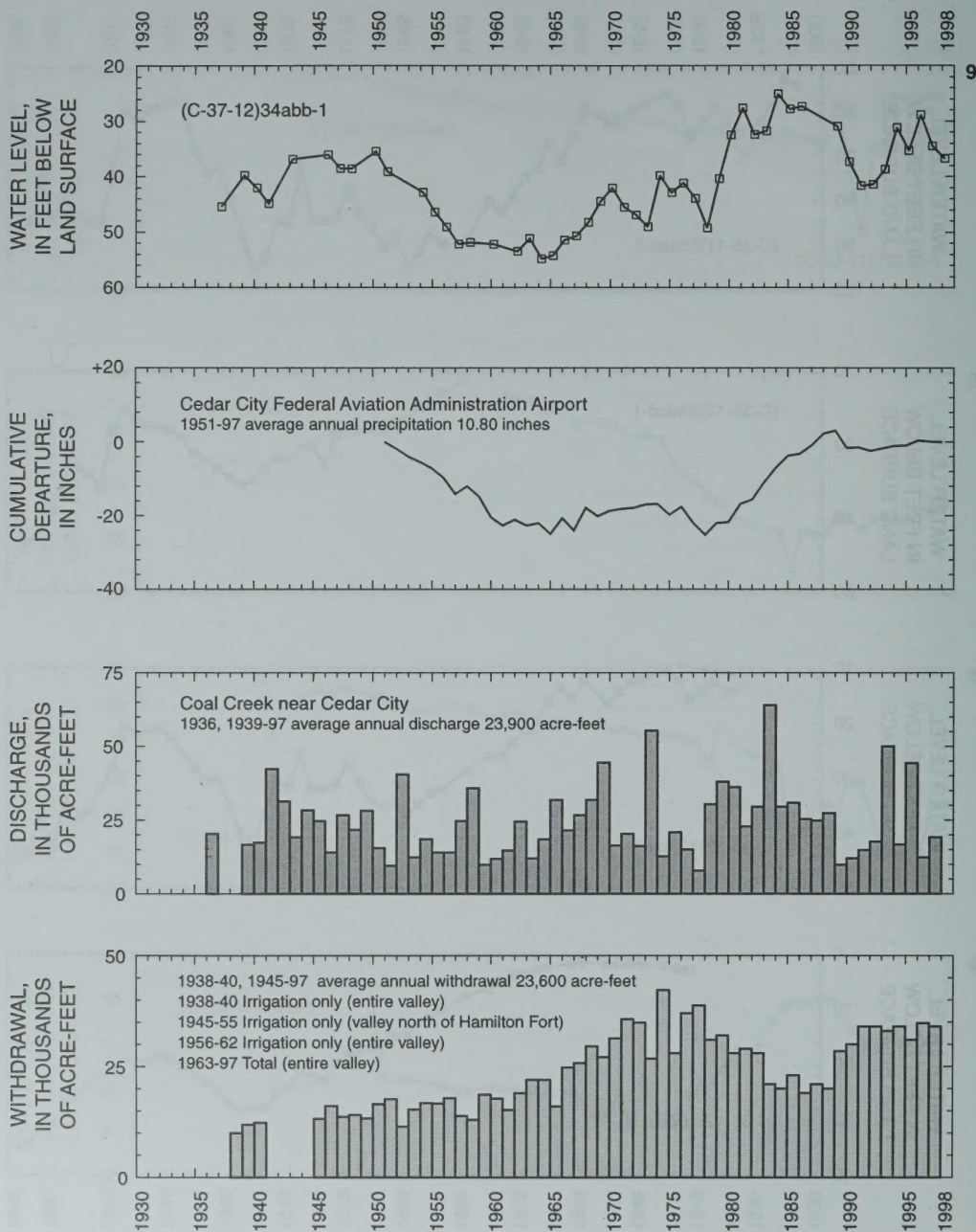


**Figure 25.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Cedar Valley, Iron County, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport, to annual discharge of Coal Creek near Cedar City, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells.



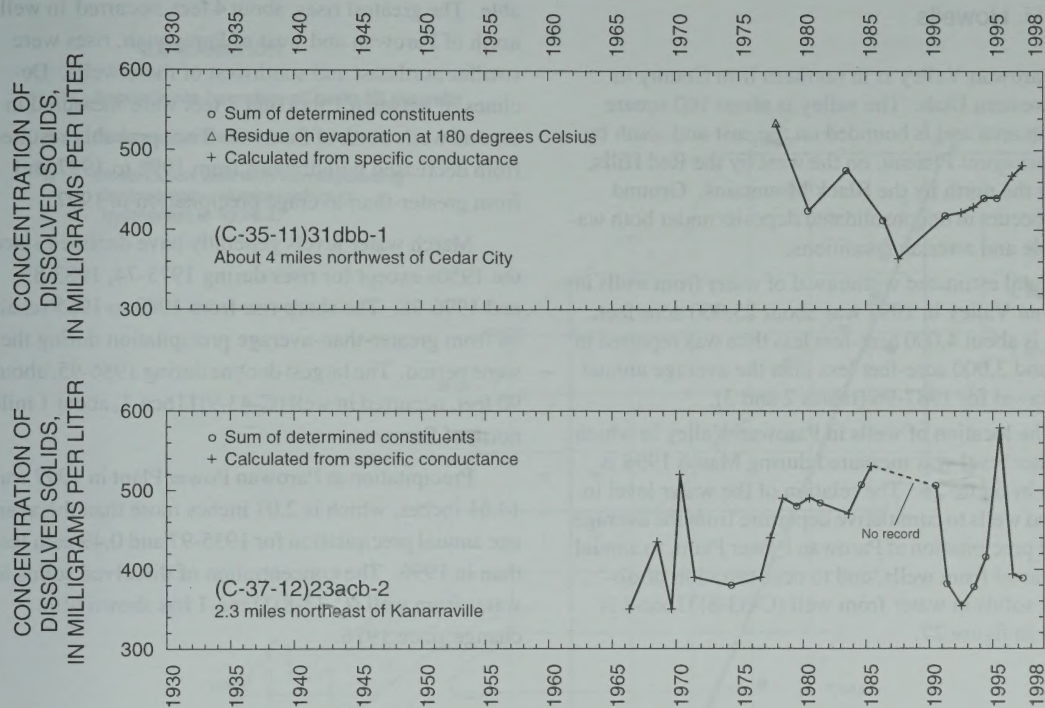


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**Figure 25.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Cedar Valley, Iron County, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport, to annual discharge of Coal Creek near Cedar City, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells—Continued.

## PAROWAN VALLEY

By J.H. Howells

Parowan Valley is in northern Iron County in southwestern Utah. The valley is about 160 square miles in area and is bounded on the east and south by the Markagunt Plateau, on the west by the Red Hills, and on the north by the Black Mountains. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits under both water-table and artesian conditions.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Parowan Valley in 1997 was about 25,000 acre-feet, which is about 4,000 acre-feet less than was reported in 1996 and 3,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in Parowan Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 26. The relation of the water level in selected wells to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Parowan Power Plant, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-33-8)31ccc-1 is shown in figure 27.

March water levels rose from 1997 to 1998 in most parts of Parowan Valley for which data are available. The greatest rises, about 4 feet, occurred in wells north of Parowan and west of Paragonah; rises were smaller northeast and southwest of these wells. Declines of between 1 foot and 2 feet were measured in several wells north of Summit. Rises probably resulted from decreased withdrawals from 1996 to 1997 and from greater-than-average precipitation in 1997.

March water levels generally have declined since the 1950s except for rises during 1973-74, 1983-85, and 1996-98. The sharp rise from 1983 to 1985 resulted from greater-than-average precipitation during the same period. The largest decline during 1986-95, about 90 feet, occurred in well (C-43-9)11bca-1, about 1 mile north of Parowan.

Precipitation at Parowan Power Plant in 1997 was 14.61 inches, which is 2.07 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1935-97 and 0.49 inch less than in 1996. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-33-8)31ccc-1 has shown little change since 1976.



# EXPLANATION

— Approximate boundary of basin-fill deposits

● Observation well

3 ● Observation well with corresponding hydrograph—Number refers to hydrograph in figure 27

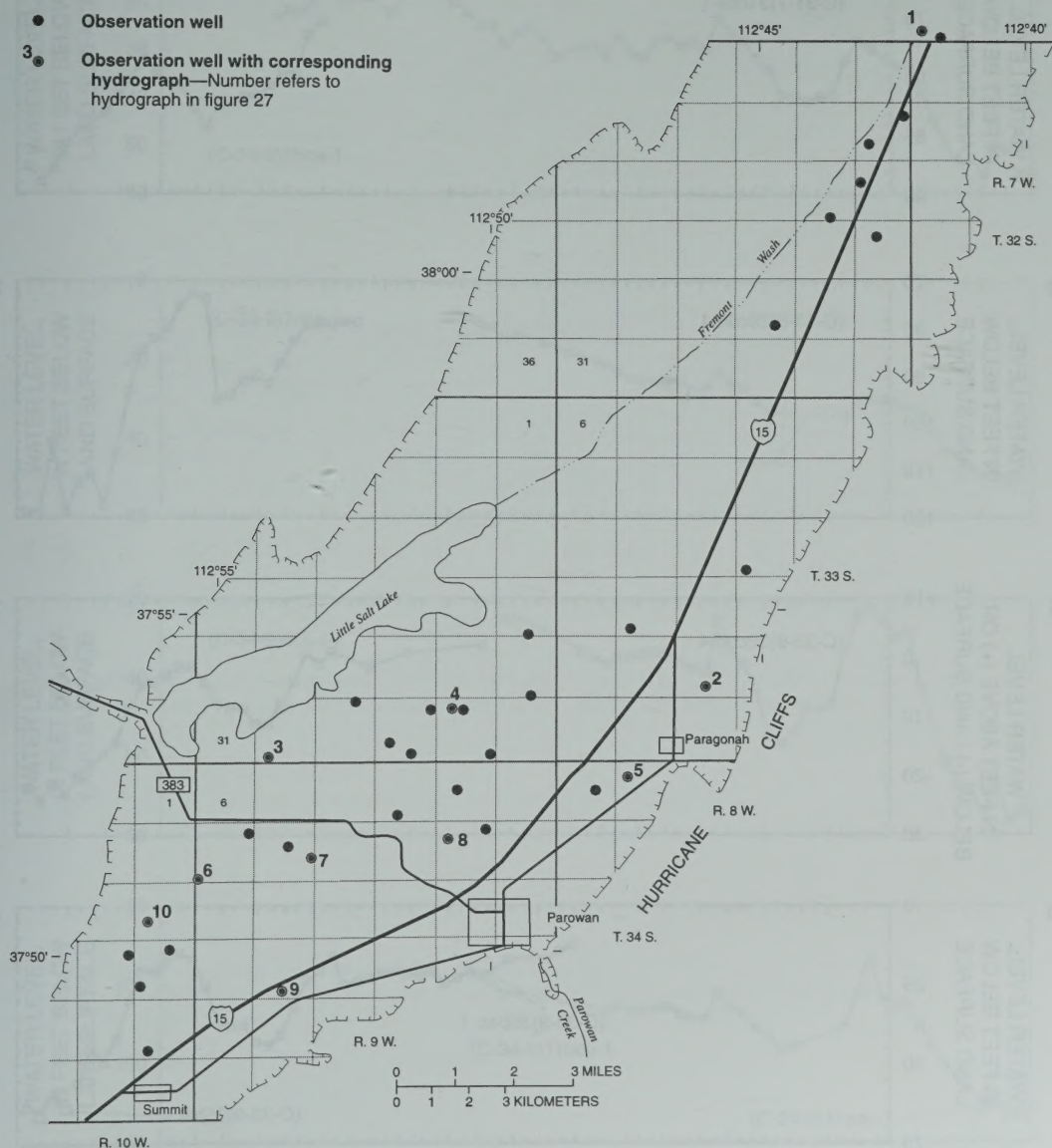
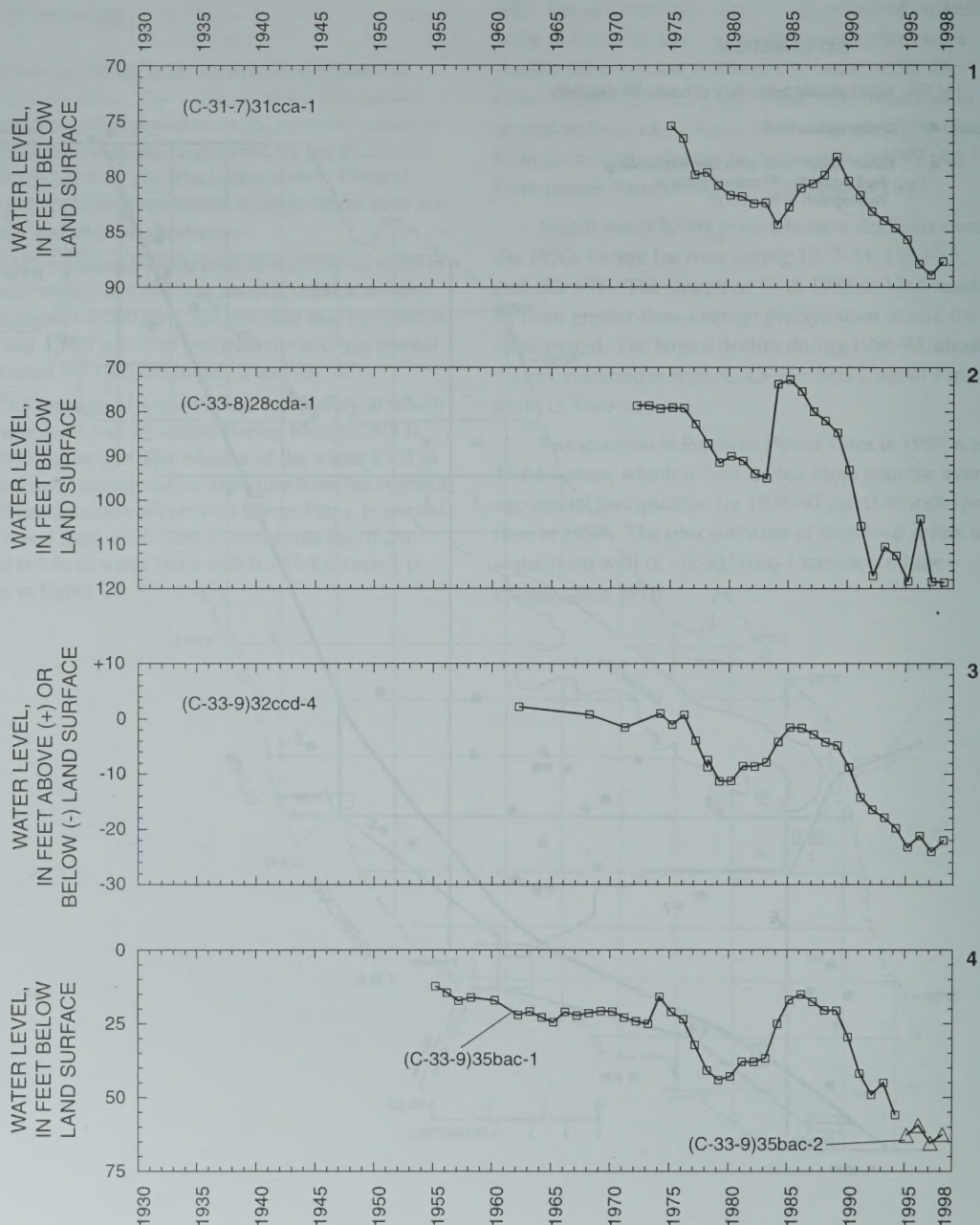
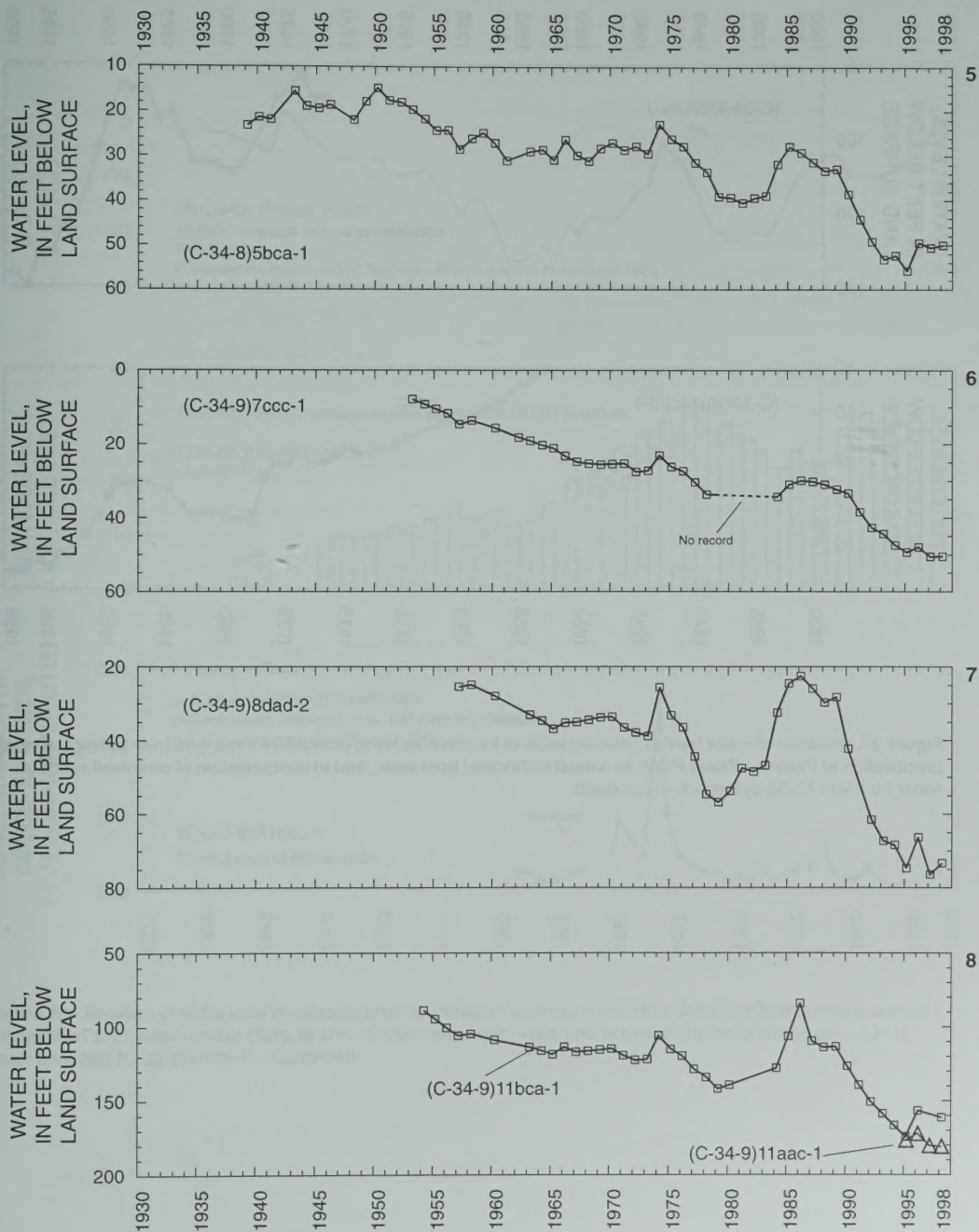


Figure 26. Location of wells in Parowan Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998.

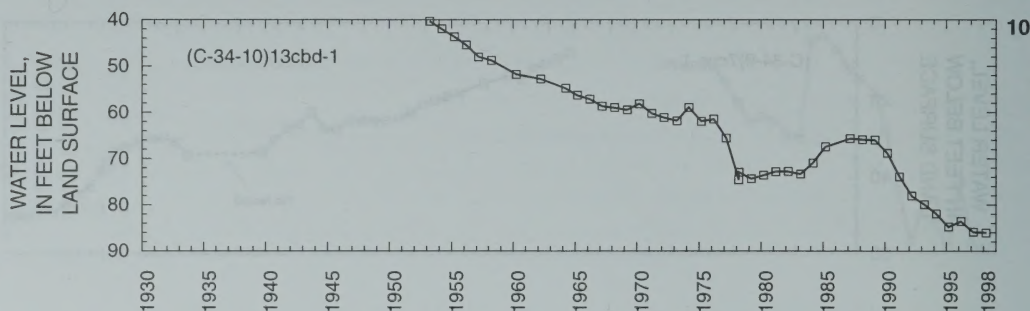
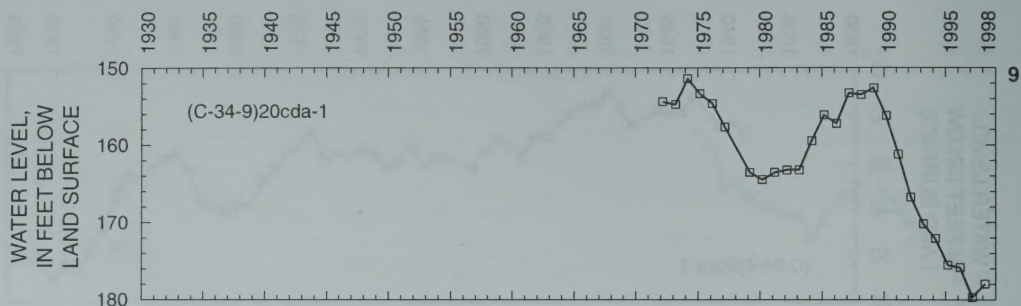


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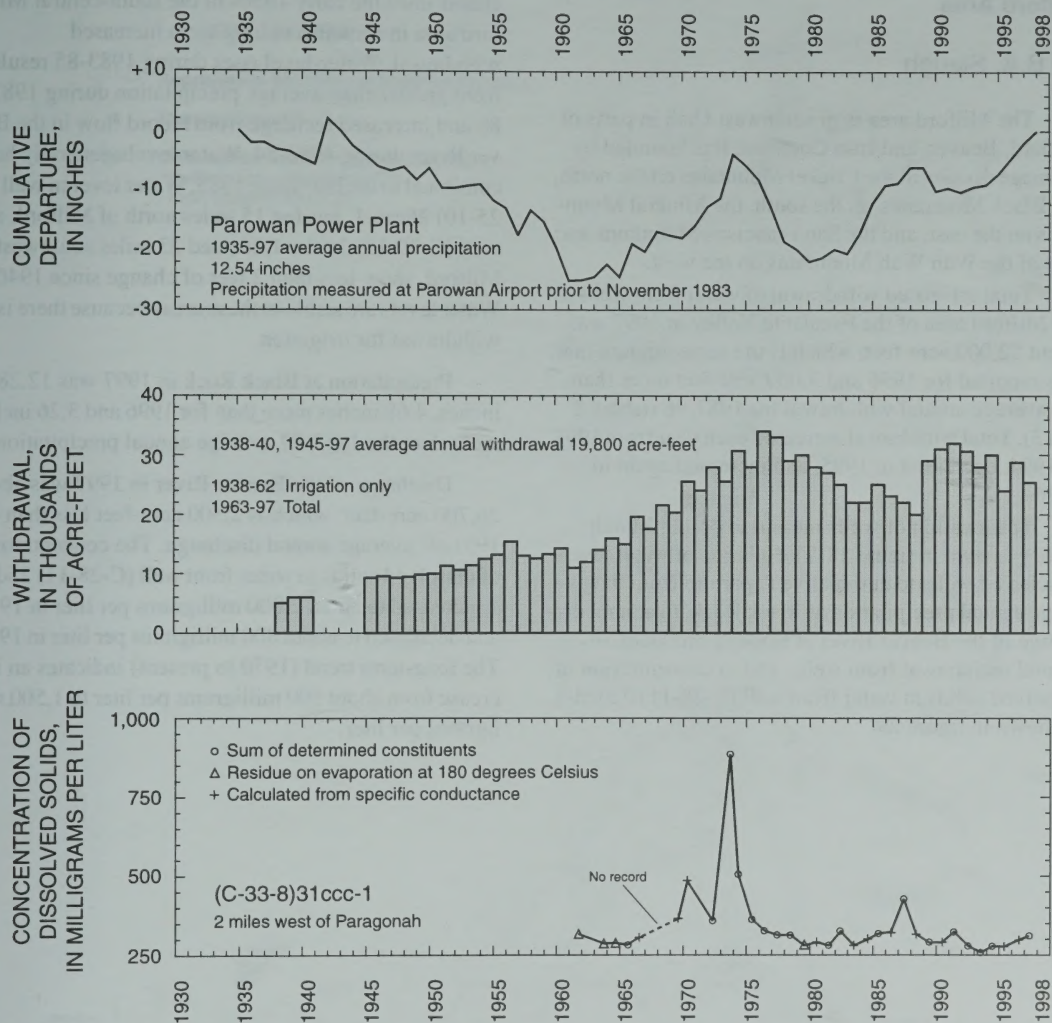


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**Figure 27.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Parowan Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Parowan Power Plant, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-33-8)31ccc-1—Continued.





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## ESCALANTE VALLEY

### Milford Area

By B.A. Slaugh

The Milford area is in southwest Utah in parts of Millard, Beaver, and Iron Counties. It is bounded by drainage divides in the Cricket Mountains on the north, the Black Mountains on the south, the Mineral Mountains on the east, and the San Francisco Mountains and part of the Wah Wah Mountains on the west.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the Milford area of the Escalante Valley in 1997 was about 52,000 acre-feet, which is the same amount that was reported for 1996 and 3,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). Total withdrawal increased each year from 1992 to 1994, decreased in 1995, and increased again in 1996.

The location of wells measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 28. The relation of water levels in selected wells to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Black Rock, to annual discharge of the Beaver River at Rocky Ford Dam, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-28-11) 25dcd-1 is shown in figure 29.

Long-term hydrographs for selected wells in the Milford area show that water levels generally have declined since the early 1950s in the south-central Milford area in response to long-term increased withdrawal. Water-level rises during 1983-85 resulted from greater-than-average precipitation during 1982-85 and increased recharge from record flow in the Beaver River during 1983-84. Water levels generally have continued to decline since 1985. Water level in well (C-25-10) 26caa-1, located 15 miles north of Milford, and well (C-30-13) 34bba-1, located 23 miles southwest of Milford, show less than 2 feet of change since 1940. Water levels are stable in these areas because there is no withdrawal for irrigation.

Precipitation at Black Rock in 1997 was 12.28 inches, 4.68 inches more than for 1996 and 3.26 inches more than the 1952-97 average annual precipitation.

Discharge of the Beaver River in 1997 was about 26,700 acre-feet, which is 2,500 acre-feet less than the 1931-97 average annual discharge. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-28-11) 25dcd-1 increased to about 2,000 milligrams per liter in 1983, and decreased to about 800 milligrams per liter in 1997. The long-term trend (1950 to present) indicates an increase from about 500 milligrams per liter to 1,500 milligrams per liter.

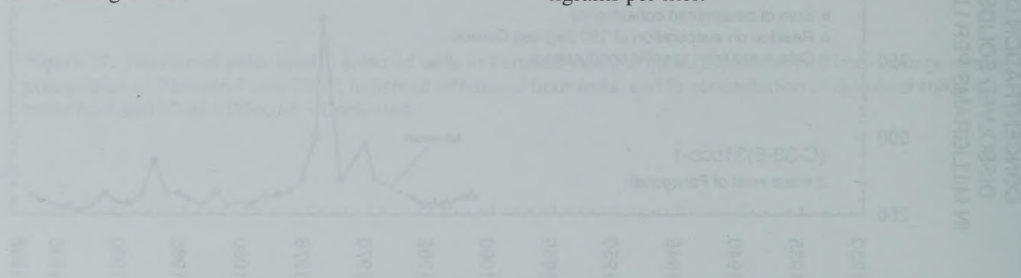


Figure 29. Relation of water level, cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Black Rock, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-28-11) 25dcd-1.



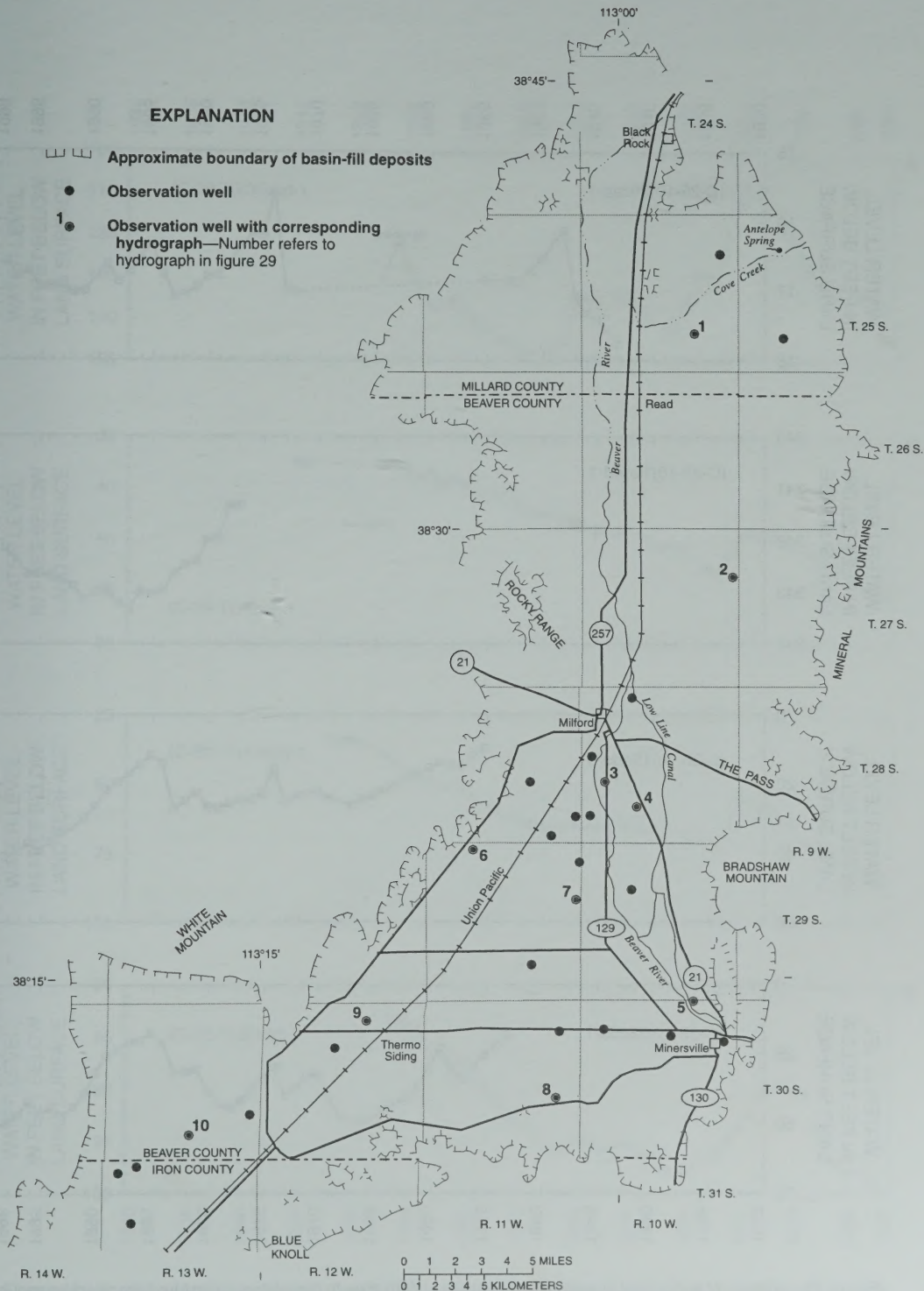
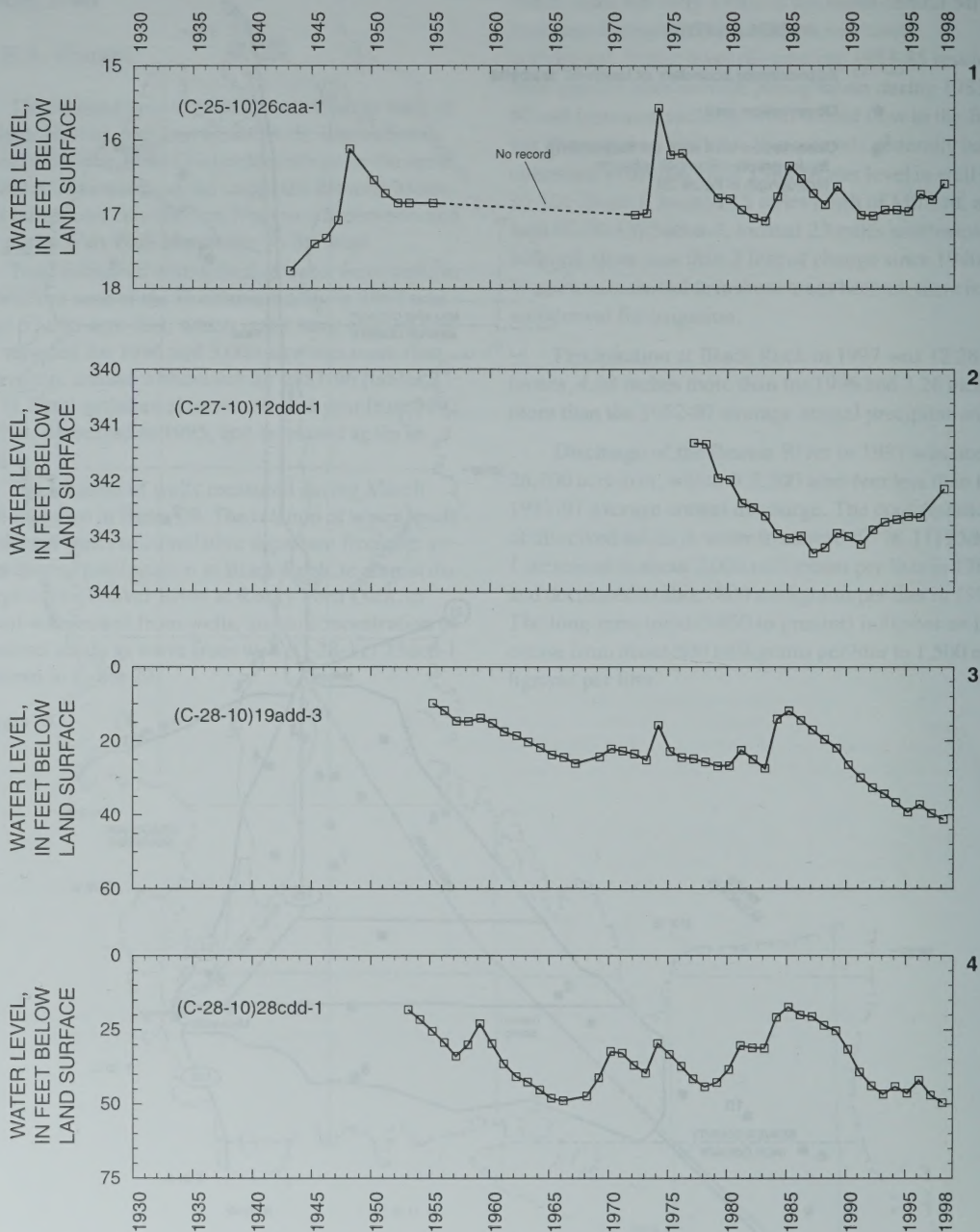
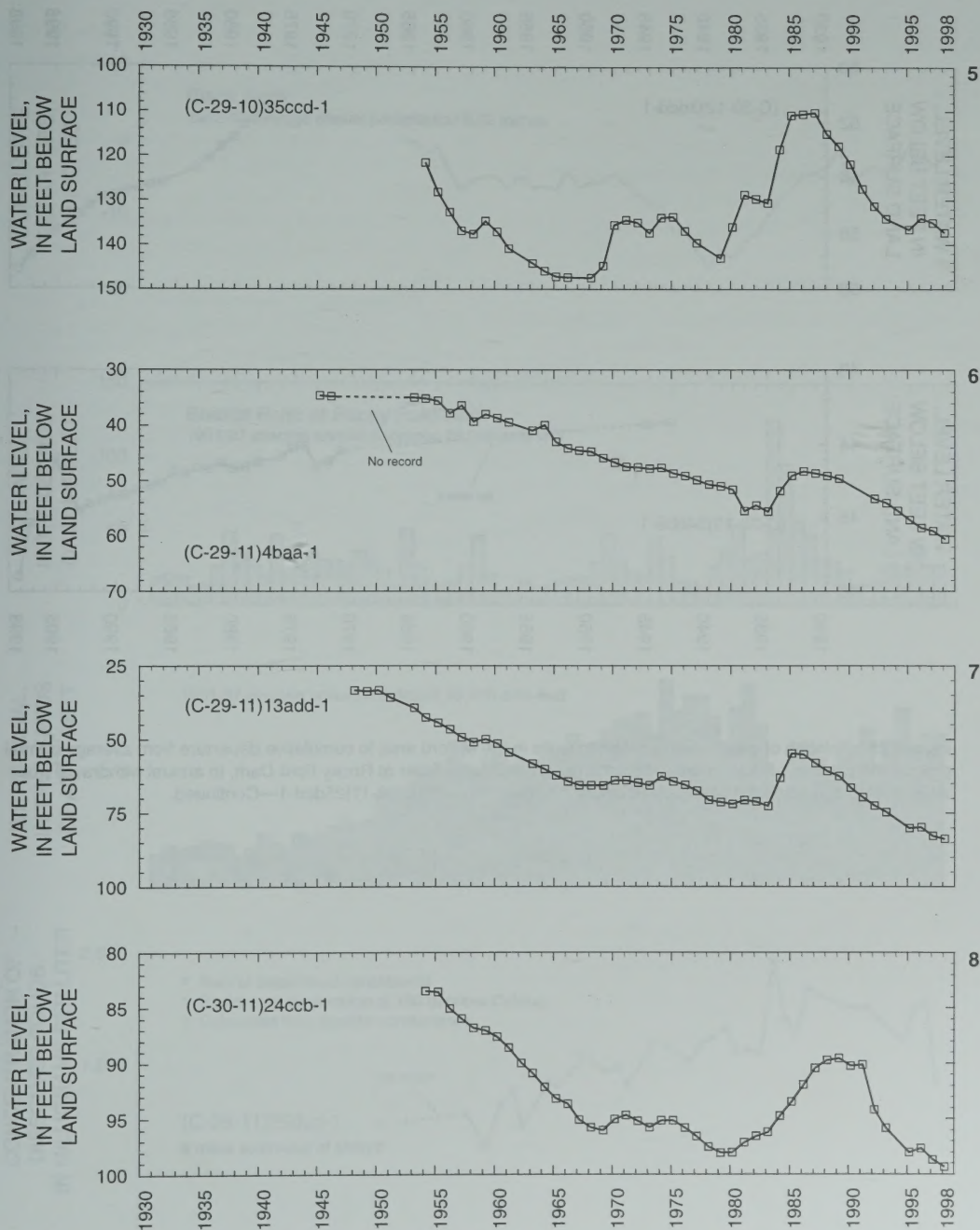


Figure 28. Location of wells in the Milford area in which the water level was measured during March 1998.

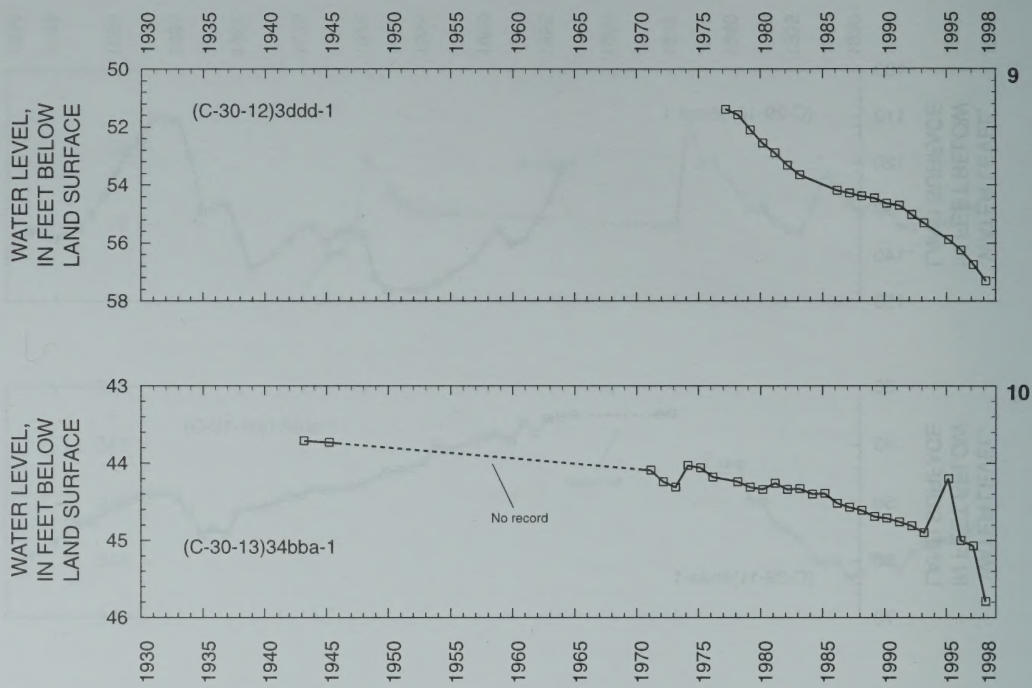


**Figure 29.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the Milford area to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Black Rock, to annual discharge of the Beaver River at Rocky Ford Dam, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-28-11)25dcd-1.



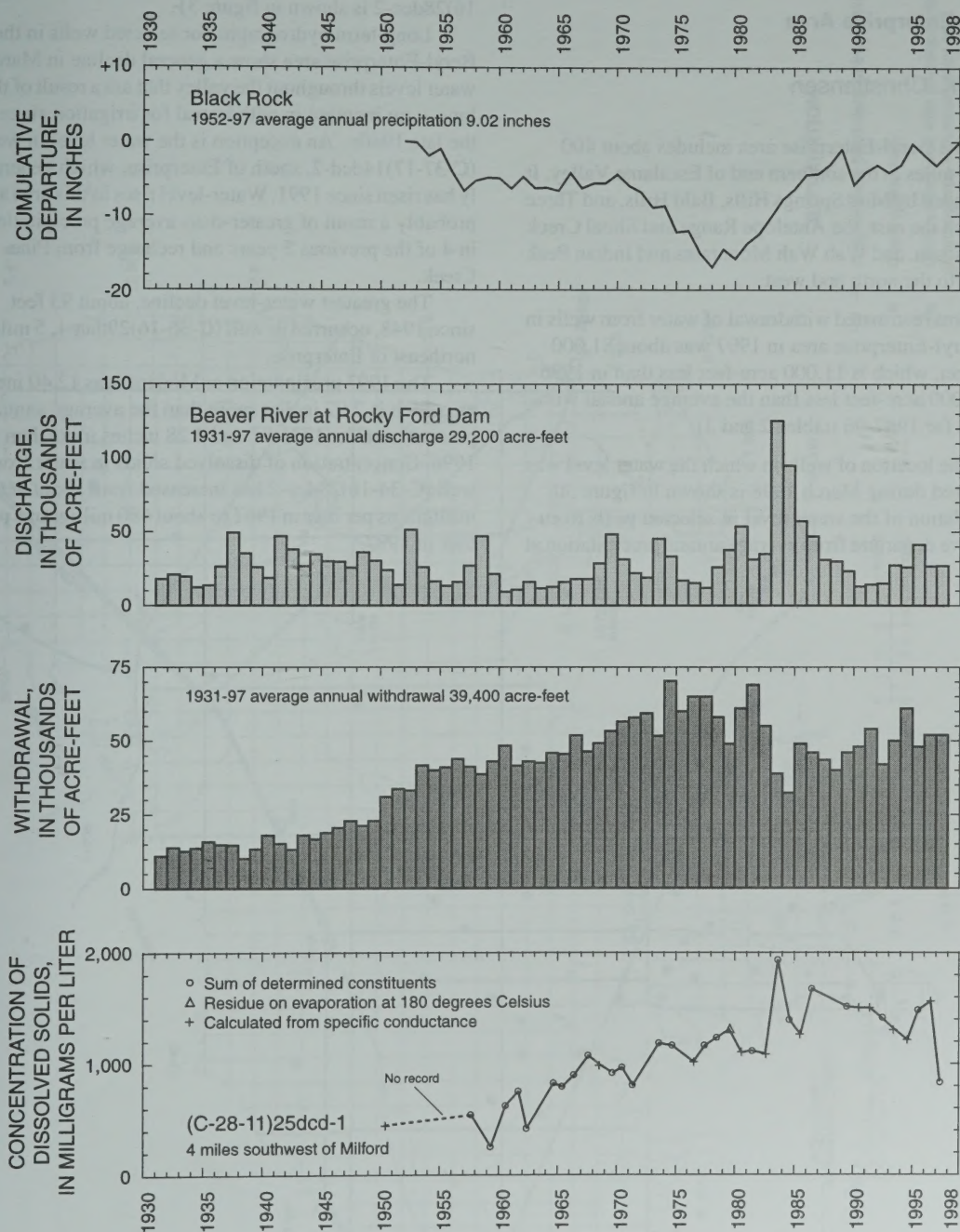


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## ESCALANTE VALLEY

### Beryl-Enterprise Area

By H.K. Christiansen

The Beryl-Enterprise area includes about 400 square miles in the southern end of Escalante Valley. It is bounded by Mud Springs Hills, Bald Hills, and Three Peaks to the east, the Antelope Range and Shoal Creek to the south, and Wah Wah Mountains and Indian Peak Range to the north and west.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area in 1997 was about 81,000 acre-feet, which is 11,000 acre-feet less than in 1996 and 2,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 30. The relation of the water level in selected wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at

Modena, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2 is shown in figure 31.

Long-term hydrographs for selected wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area show a general decline in March water levels throughout the valley that are a result of the long-term increase in withdrawal for irrigation since the late 1940s. An exception is the water level in well (C-37-17)14dcd-2, south of Enterprise, which generally has risen since 1991. Water-level rises in this area are probably a result of greater-than-average precipitation in 4 of the previous 5 years and recharge from Pine Creek.

The greatest water-level decline, about 93 feet since 1948, occurred in well (C-36-16)29daa-1, 5 miles northeast of Enterprise.

The 1997 precipitation at Modena was 12.40 inches, which is 2.02 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1936-97 and 4.28 inches more than in 1996. Concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2 has increased from about 460 milligrams per liter in 1967 to about 680 milligrams per liter in 1997.



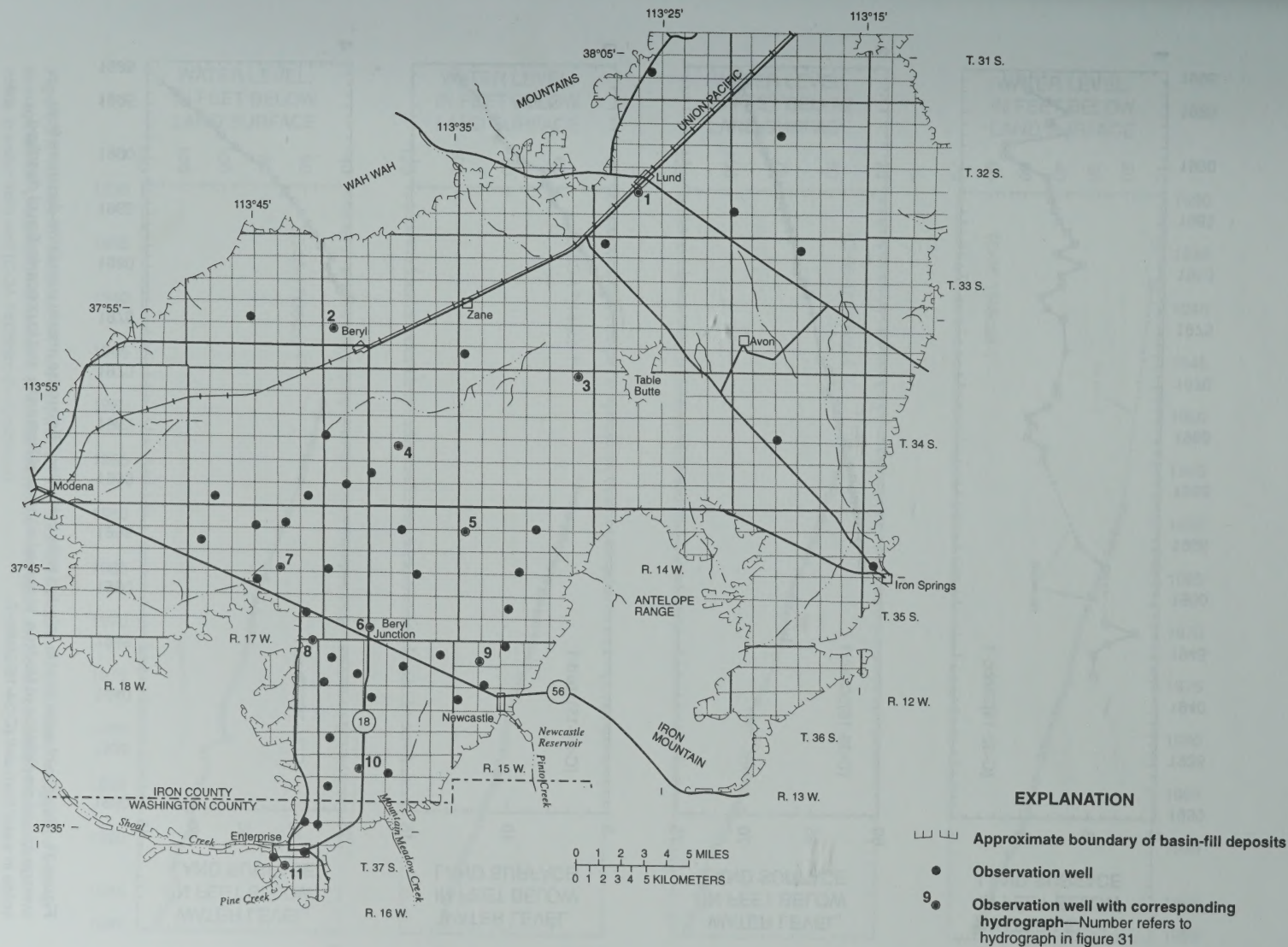
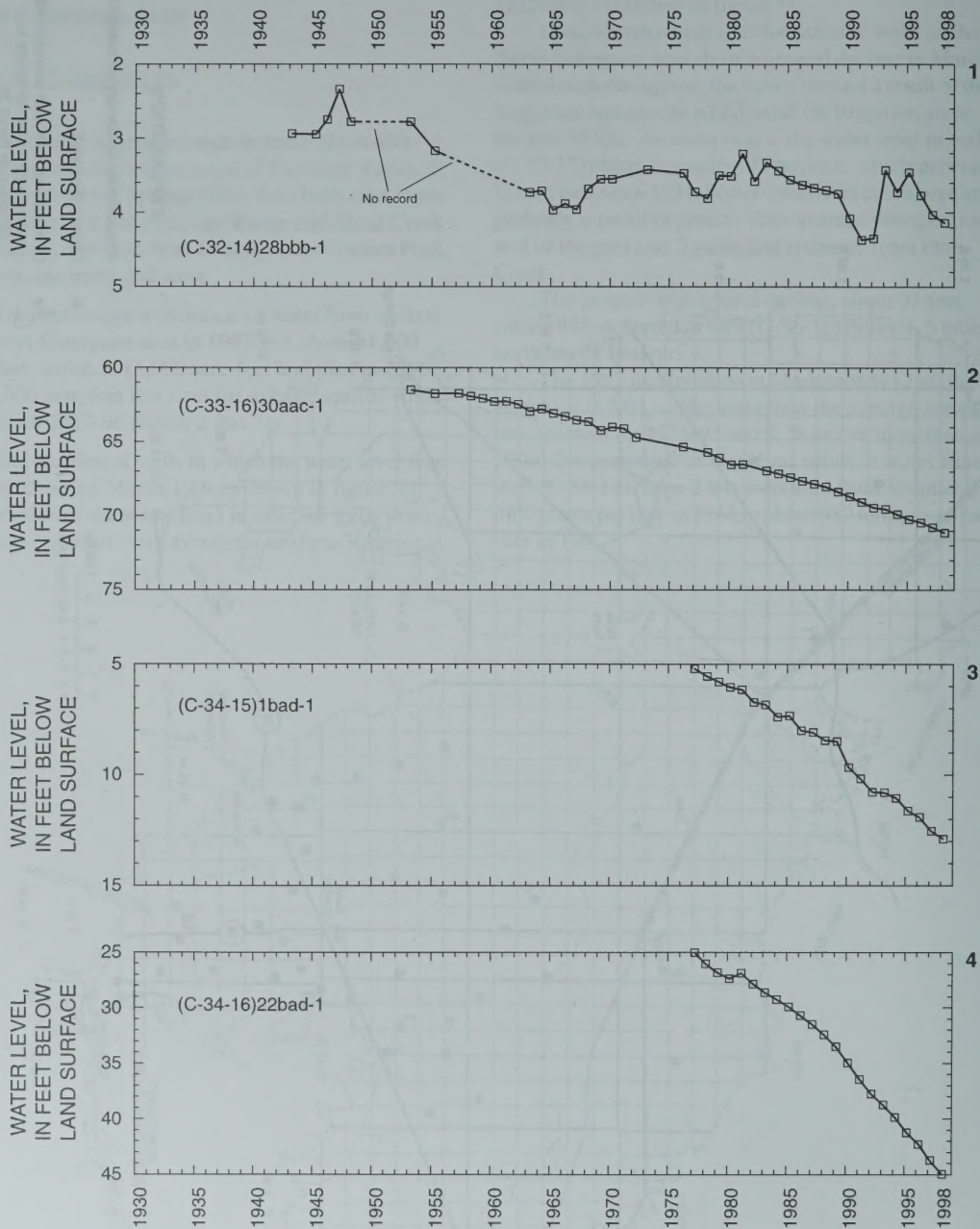
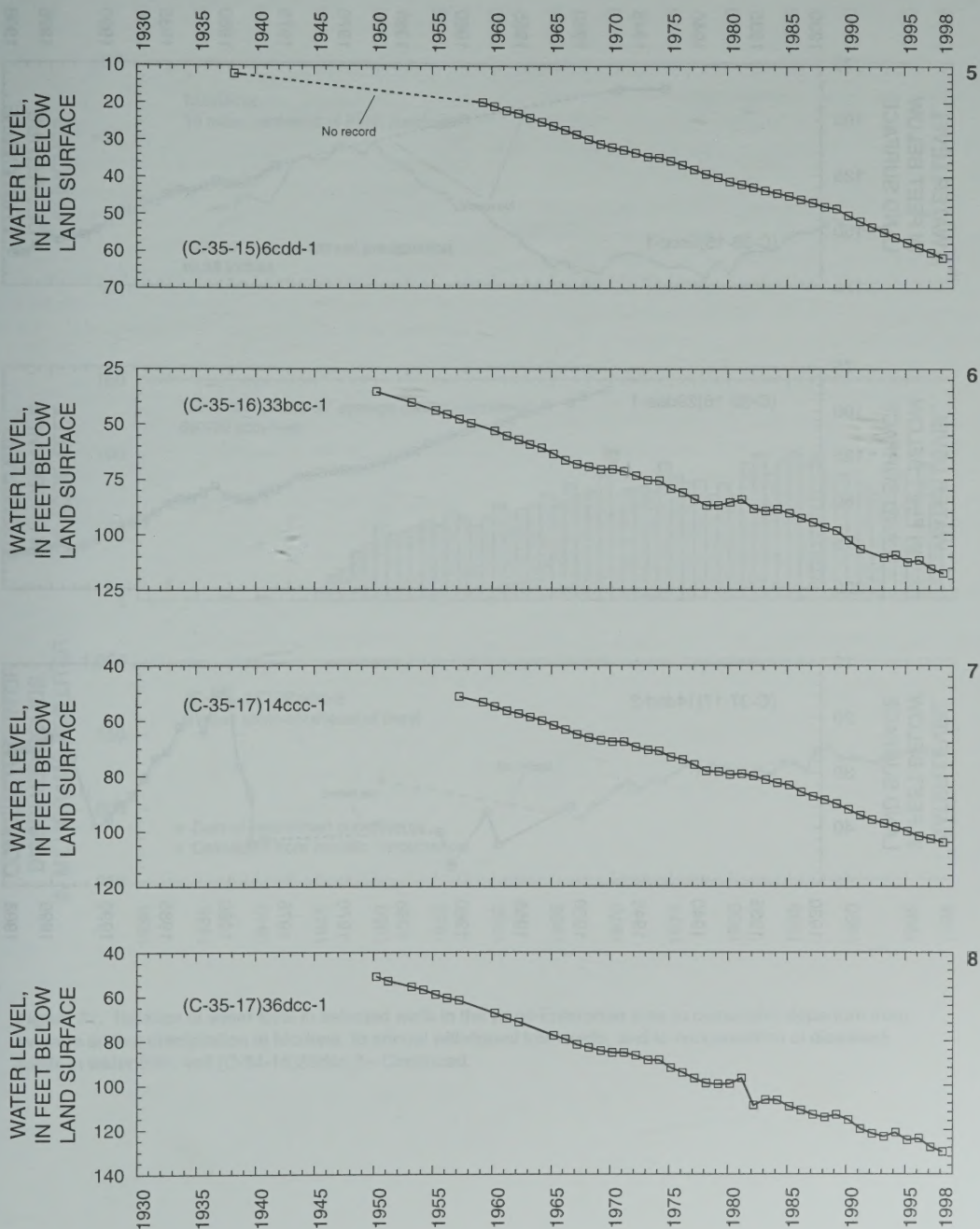


Figure 30. Location of wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area in which the water level was measured during March 1998.



**Figure 31.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Modena, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2.





**Figure 31.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Modena, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2—Continued.

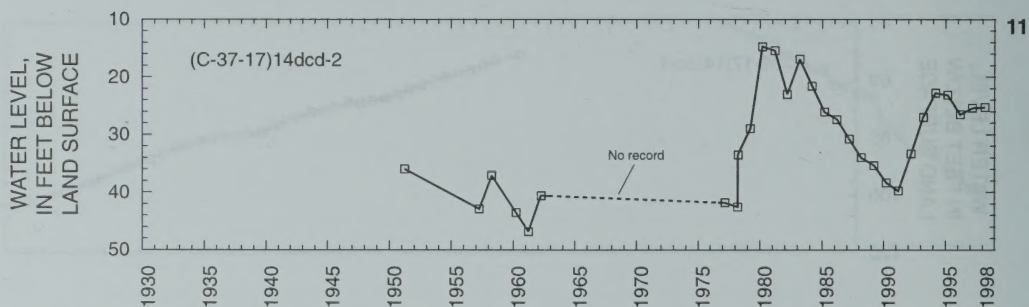
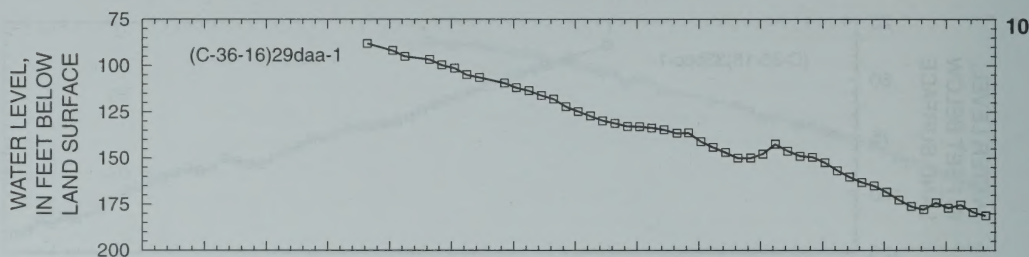
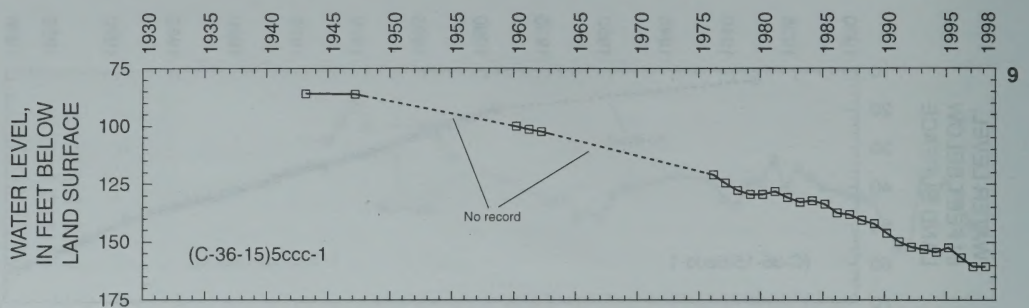
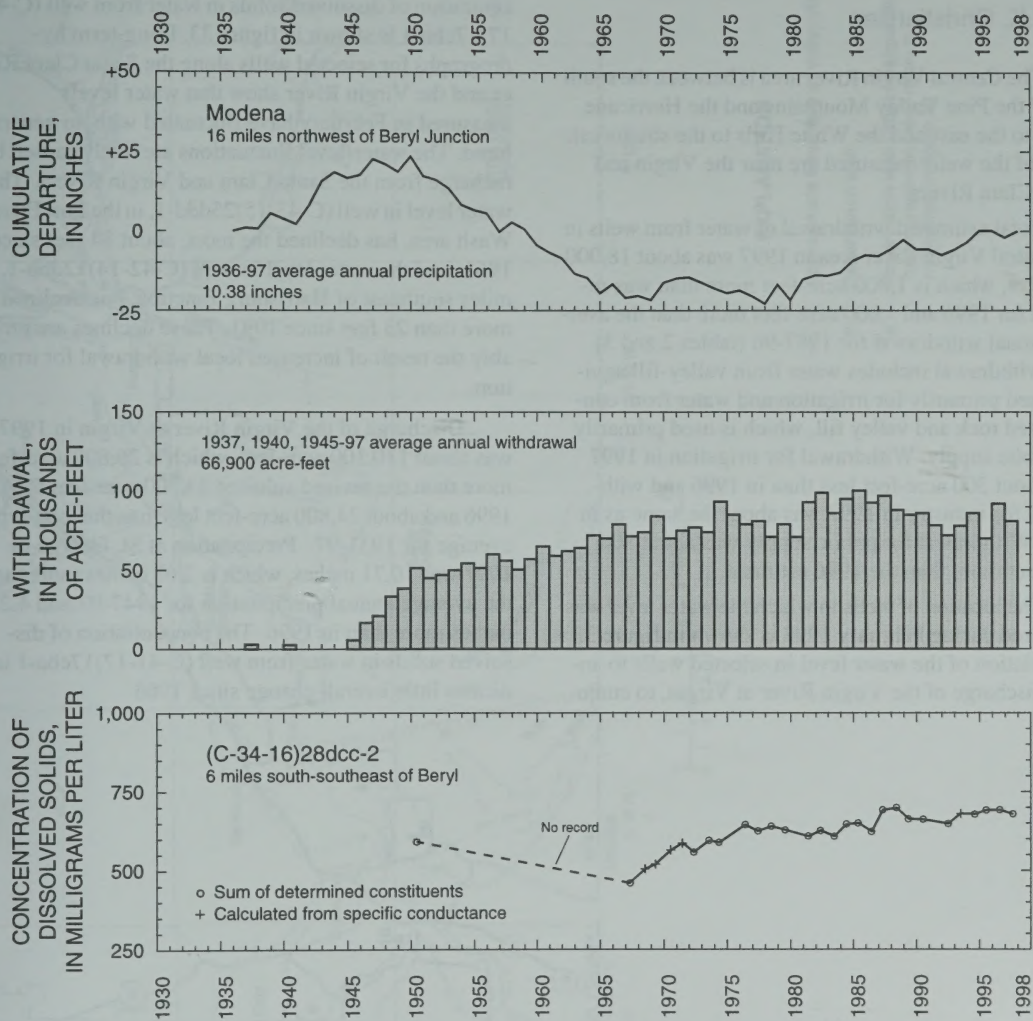


Figure 31. Relation of water level in selected wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Modena, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2—Continued.





**Figure 31.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Modena, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2—Continued.

## CENTRAL VIRGIN RIVER AREA

By H.K. Christiansen

The Central Virgin River area is between the south end of the Pine Valley Mountains and the Hurricane Cliffs to the east and the White Hills to the southwest. Most of the wells measured are near the Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the central Virgin River area in 1997 was about 18,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet more than was reported for 1996 and 1,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). This withdrawal includes water from valley-fill aquifers used primarily for irrigation and water from consolidated rock and valley fill, which is used primarily for public supply. Withdrawal for irrigation in 1997 was about 300 acre-feet less than in 1996 and withdrawal for industry in 1997 was about the same as in 1996. Withdrawal for public supply was about 800 acre-feet more than the 1996 estimate.

The location of wells in which the water level was measured during February 1998 is shown in figure 32. The relation of the water level in selected wells to annual discharge of the Virgin River at Virgin, to cumu-

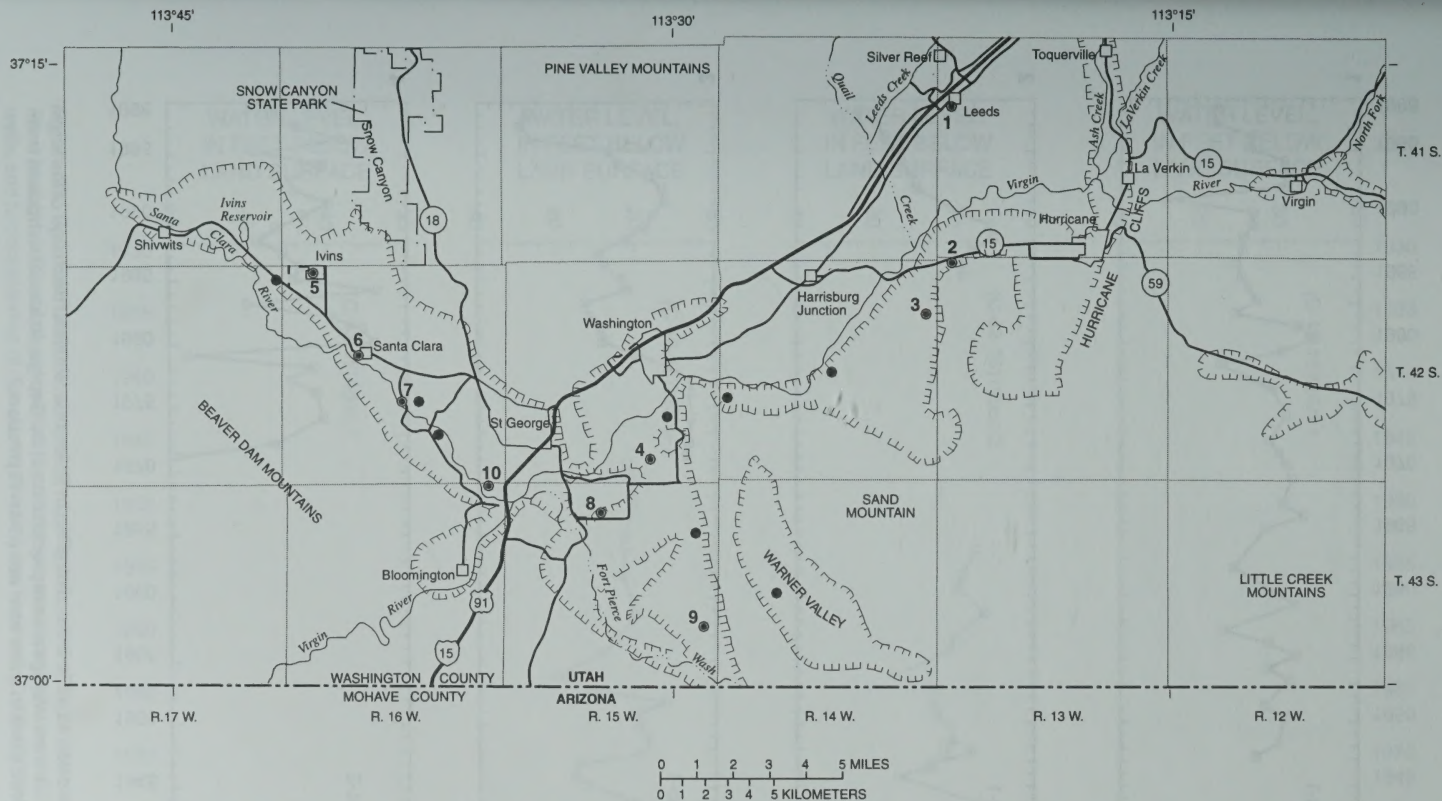
lative departure from average annual precipitation at St. George, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1 is shown in figure 33. Long-term hydrographs for selected wells along the Santa Clara River and the Virgin River show that water levels measured in February have fluctuated with no general trend. The water-level fluctuations are likely caused by recharge from the Santa Clara and Virgin Rivers. The water level in well (C-43-15)25ddd-1, in the Fort Pierce Wash area, has declined the most, about 84 feet since 1961; and the water level in well (C-42-14)12dbb-1, 4 miles southeast of Harrisburg Junction, has declined more than 23 feet since 1991. These declines are probably the result of increased local withdrawal for irrigation.

Discharge of the Virgin River at Virgin in 1997 was about 110,100 acre-feet, which is 26,800 acre-feet more than the revised value of 83,300 acre-feet for 1996 and about 24,800 acre-feet less than the long-term average for 1931-97. Precipitation at St. George in 1997 was 10.71 inches, which is 2.68 inches more than the average annual precipitation for 1947-97 and 4.23 inches more than in 1996. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1 indicates little overall change since 1966.



Figure 33. Relation of water level in selected wells to the Virgin River discharge at Virgin, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1—Continued.





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


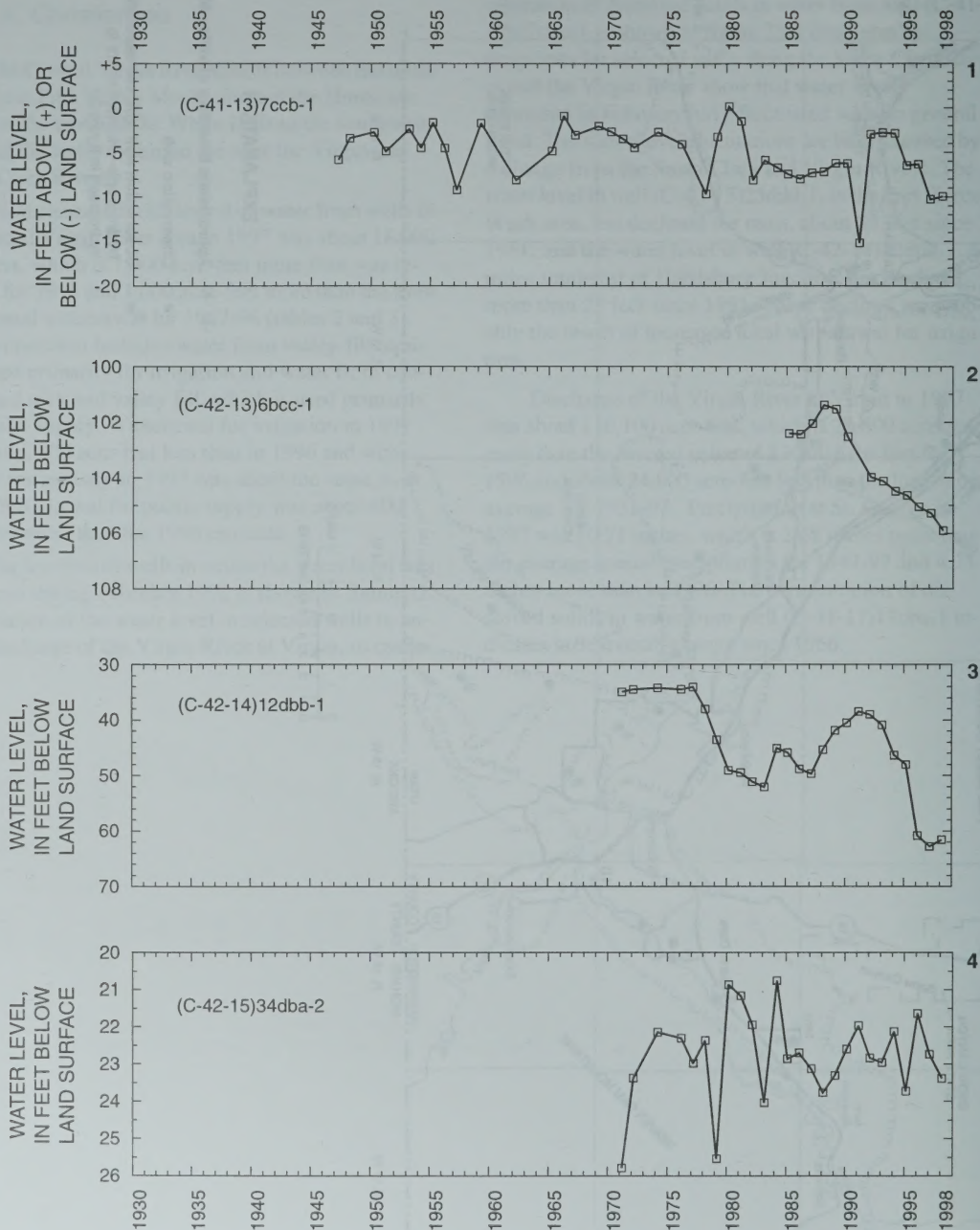
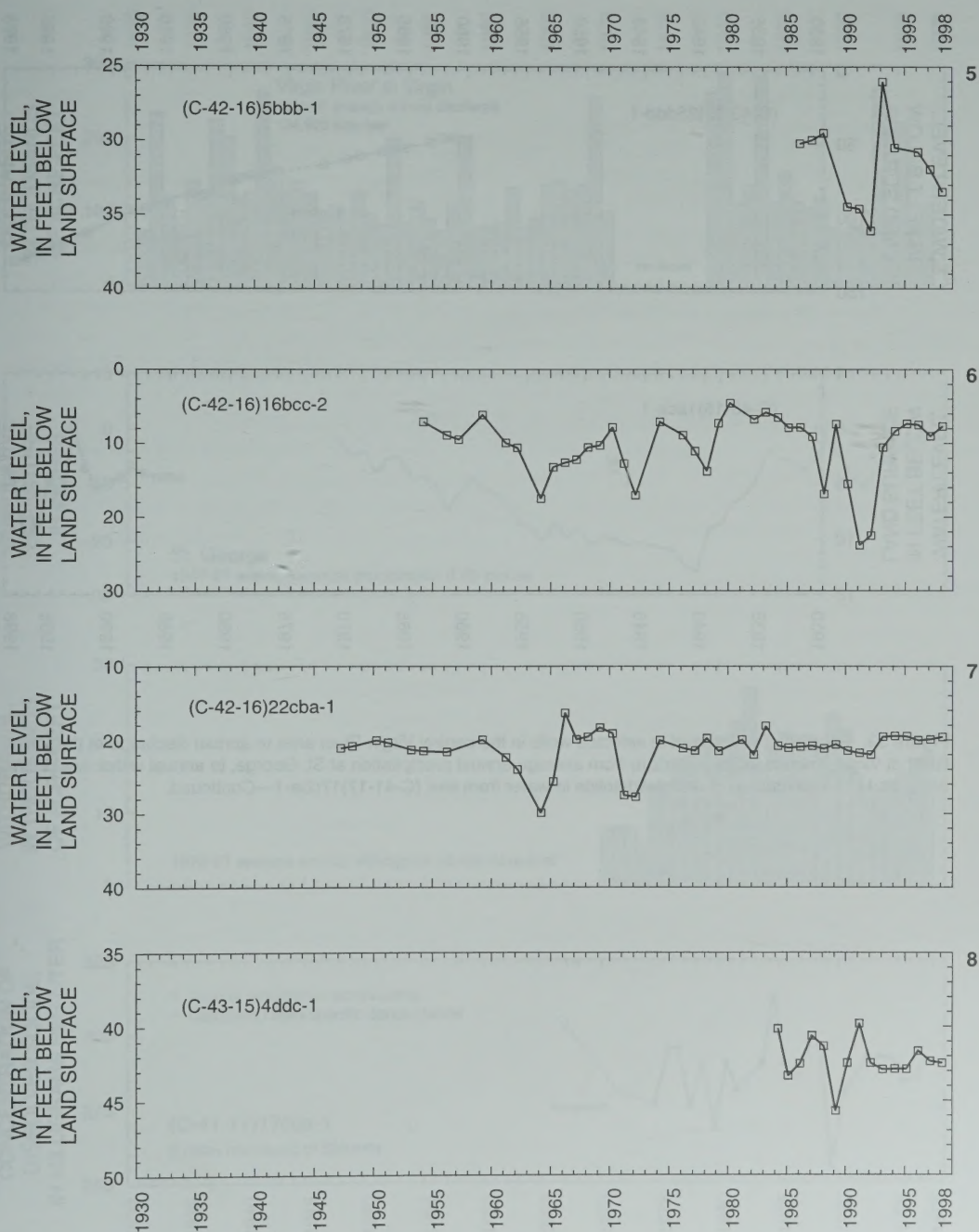
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Figure 32. Location of wells in the central Virgin River area in which the water level was measured during February 1998.

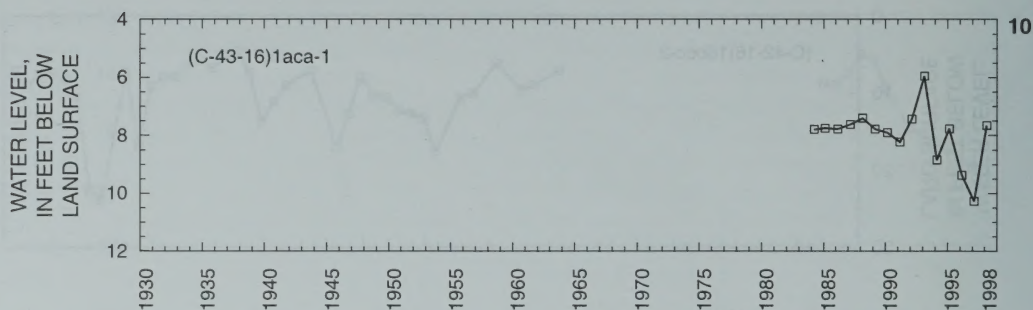
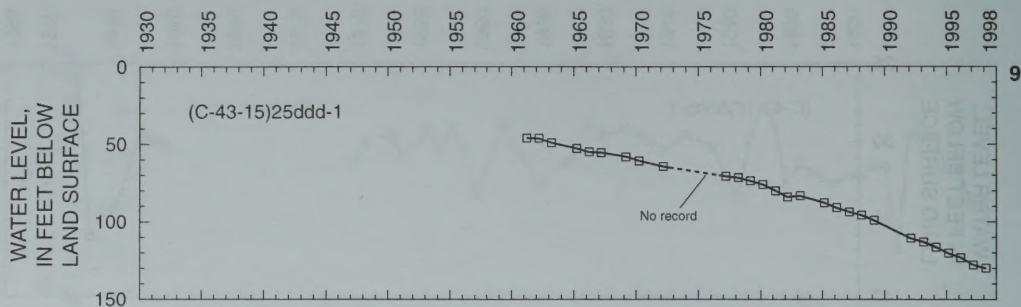


**Figure 33.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the central Virgin River area to annual discharge of the Virgin River at Virgin, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at St. George, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1.



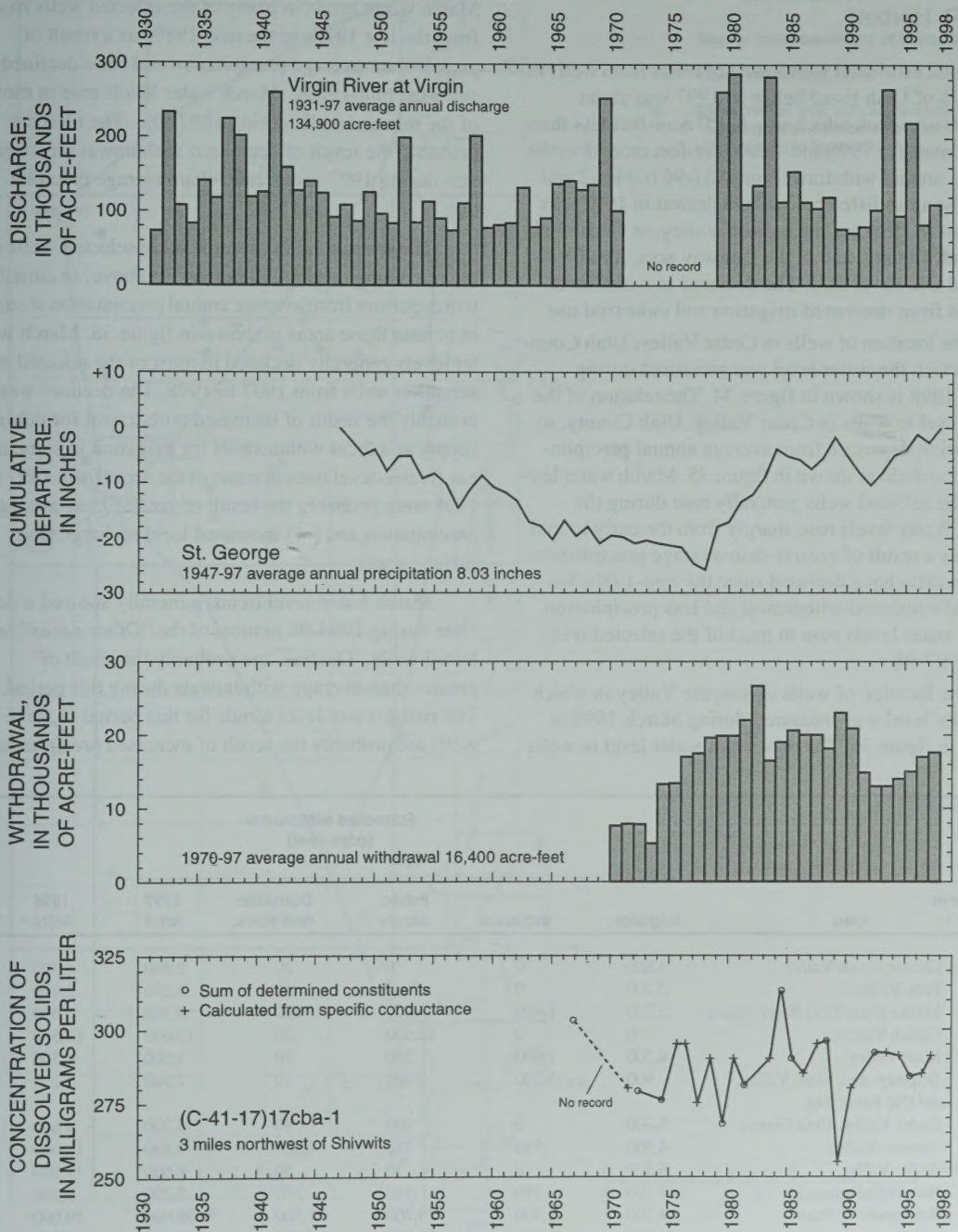


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**Figure 33.** Relation of water level in selected wells in the central Virgin River area to annual discharge of the Virgin River at Virgin, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at St. George, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1—Continued.

## OTHER AREAS

By L.R. Herbert

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the areas of Utah listed below in 1997 was about 107,000 acre-feet, which was 6,000 acre-feet less than the estimate for 1996 and 4,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1987-96 (tables 2 and 3). In the areas listed below, withdrawal in 1997 was less than in 1996 except in Rush Valley, in Cedar Valley, Utah County, and in the Dugway area, Skull Valley, and Old River Bed. The decrease in withdrawal resulted from decreased irrigation and industrial use.

The location of wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 34. The relation of the water level in wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Fairfield is shown in figure 35. March water levels in the selected wells generally rose during the 1970s. Water levels rose sharply from the early to mid-1980s as a result of greater-than-average precipitation but generally have declined since the mid-1980s because of continued withdrawal and less precipitation. March water levels rose in most of the selected wells from 1997-98.

The location of wells in Sanpete Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998 is shown in figure 36. The relation of water level in wells

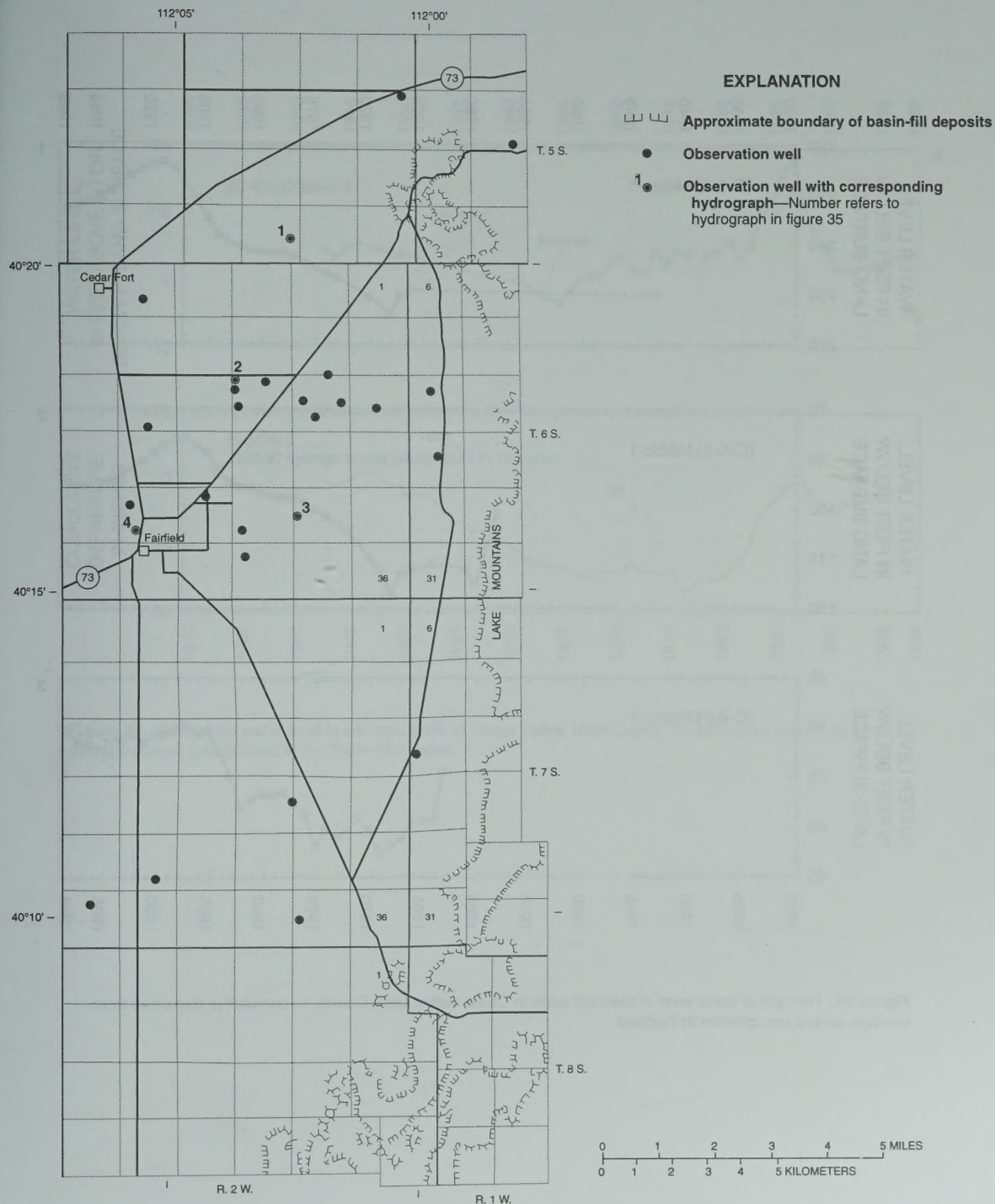
in Sanpete Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Manti is shown in figure 37. March water levels in many of the selected wells rose from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s as a result of greater-than-average precipitation and have declined since the mid-1980s. March water levels rose in most of the selected wells during 1997-98. The rises are probably the result of decreased withdrawal for irrigation during 1997 and greater-than-average precipitation.

The relation of the water level in selected wells in the remaining areas of Utah (see list above) to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at sites in or near those areas is shown in figure 38. March water levels generally declined in most of the selected observation wells from 1997 to 1998. The declines were probably the result of increased withdrawal for public supply and local withdrawals for irrigation in some areas. Water-level rises in some of the areas from 1997 to 1998 were probably the result of greater-than-average precipitation and (or) increased local recharge from surface water.

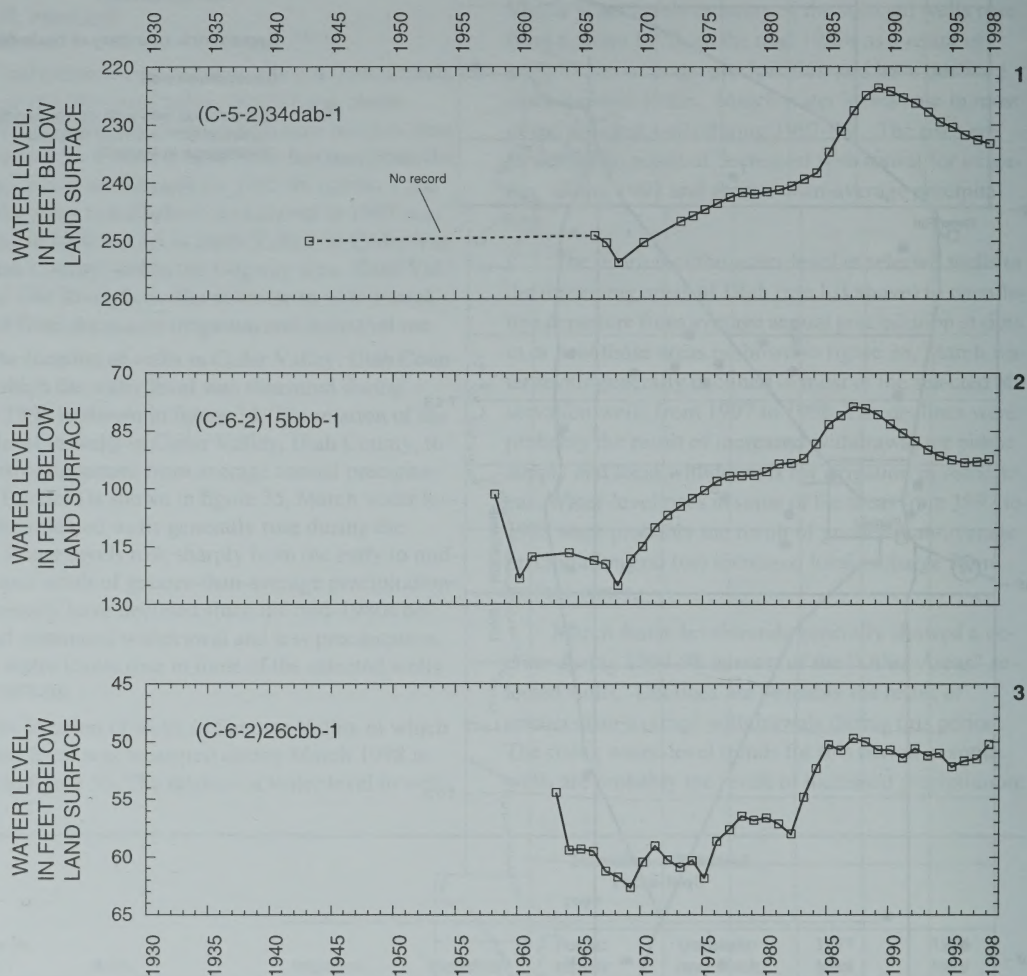
March water-level trends generally showed a decline during 1994-98 in most of the "Other Areas" selected wells. Declines are probably the result of greater-than-average withdrawals during this period. The rising water-level trends for this period in some wells are probably the result of increased precipitation.

Number in figure 1	Area	Estimated withdrawal (acre-feet)				1997 total	1996 total
		Irrigation	Industrial	Public supply	Domestic and stock		
1	Grouse Creek Valley	3,800	0	0	20	3,800	4,200
2	Park Valley	2,200	0	0	10	2,200	2,400
4	Malad-lower Bear River Valley	3,700	1,400	3,000	200	8,300	8,600
8	Ogden Valley	0	0	12,600	20	12,600	13,500
13	Rush Valley	4,300	1,000	280	30	5,600	4,500
14	Dugway area, Skull Valley, and Old River Bed	900	3,200	3,400	10	7,500	5,100
15	Cedar Valley, Utah County	5,200	0	100	40	5,300	4,600
20	Sanpete Valley	4,900	530	380	4,000	9,800	11,000
25	Snake Valley	8,500	0	30	50	8,600	11,500
27	Beaver Valley	7,100	380	380	300	8,200	8,300
	Remainder of State	14,200	2,800	15,400	2,500	34,900	39,000
Total (rounded)		54,800	9,300	35,600	7,200	107,000	113,000



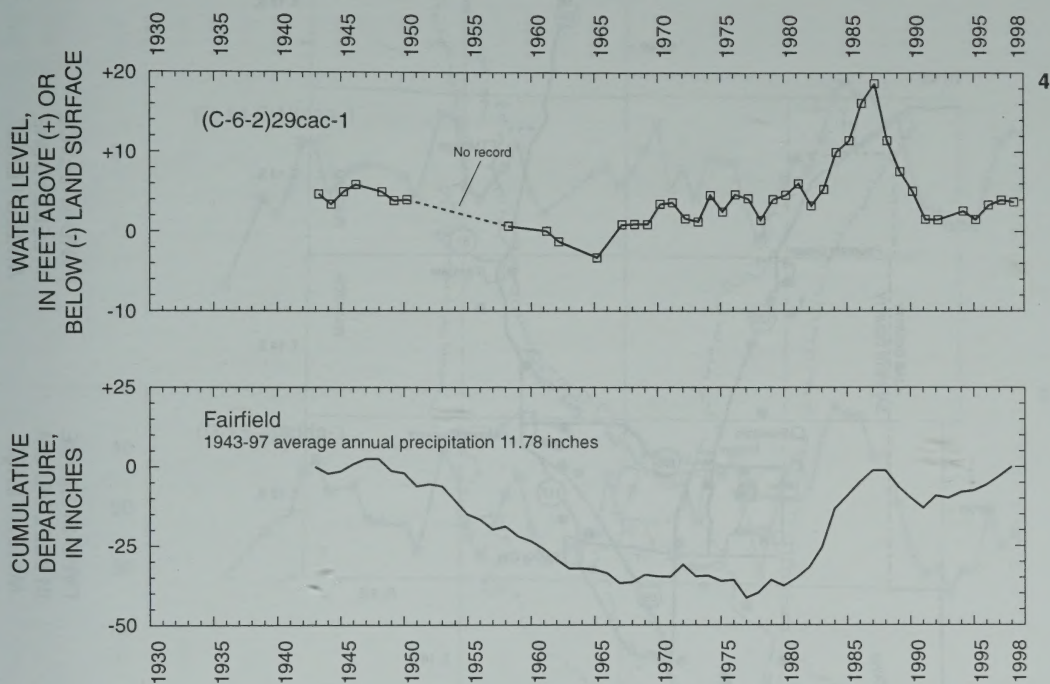


**Figure 34.** Location of wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, in which the water level was measured during March 1998.

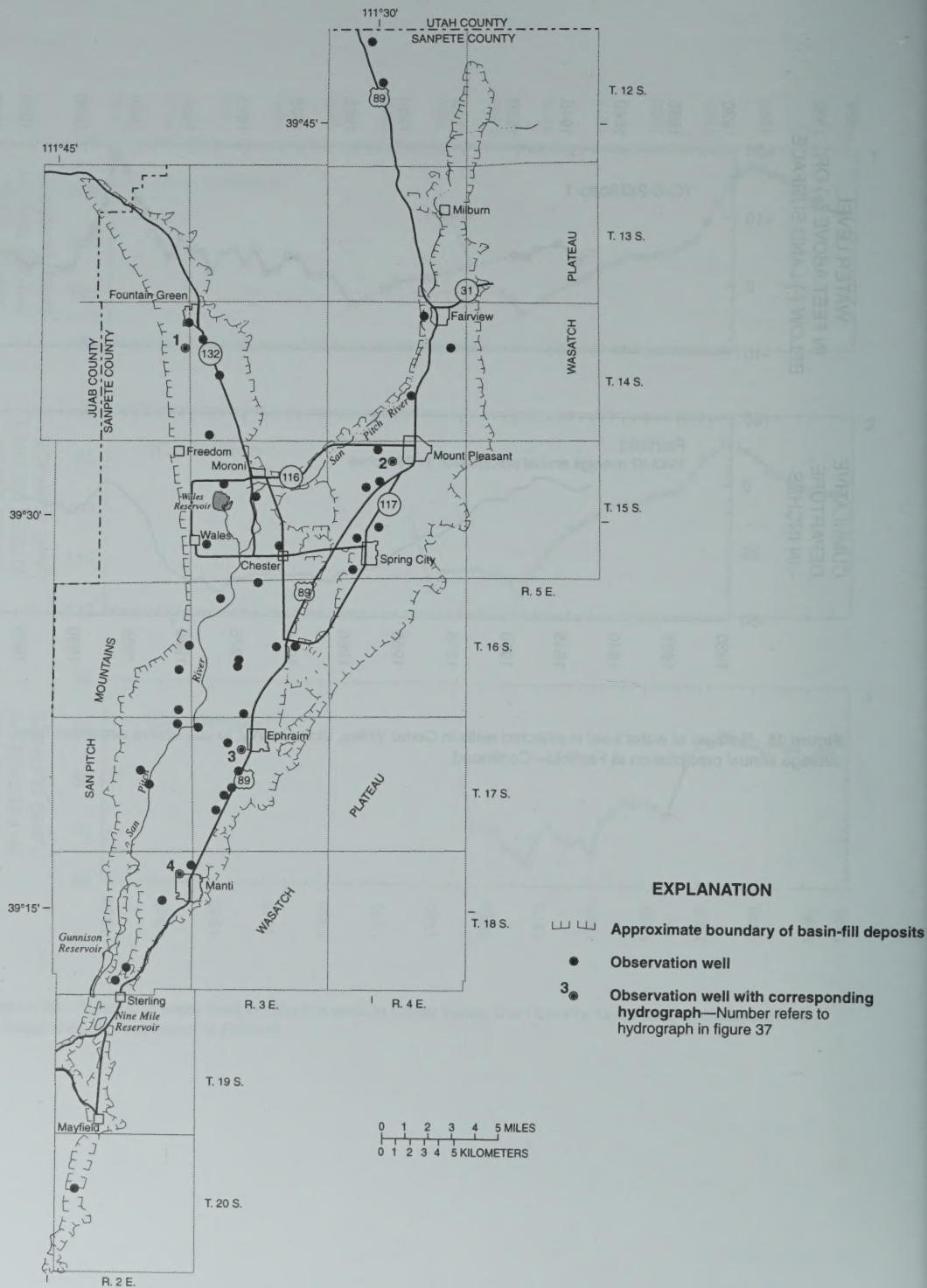


**Figure 35.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Fairfield.



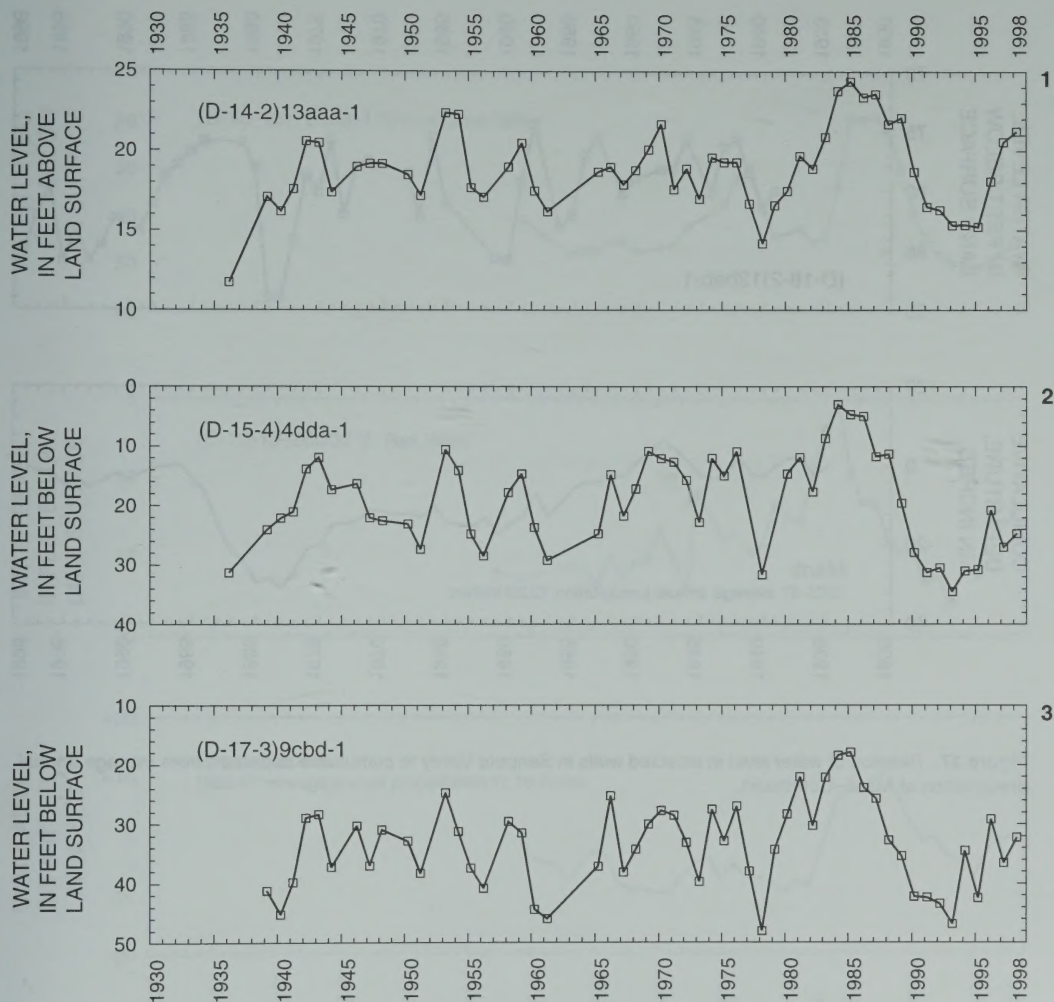


**Figure 35.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Fairfield—Continued.



**Figure 36.** Location of wells in Sanpete Valley in which the water level was measured during March 1998.





**Figure 37.** Relation of water level in selected wells in Sanpete Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Manti.

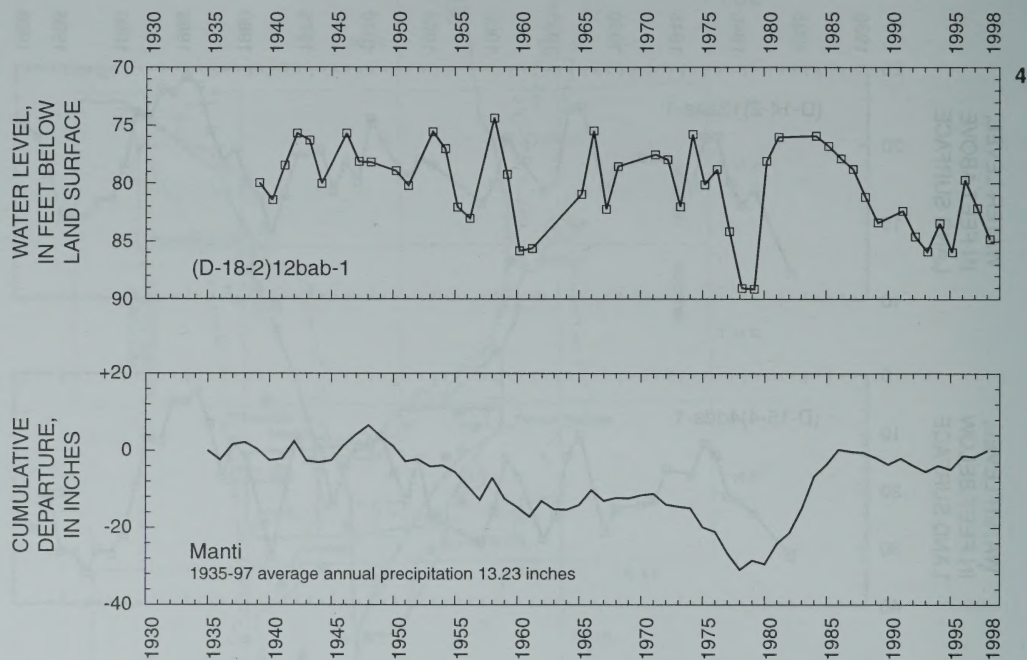
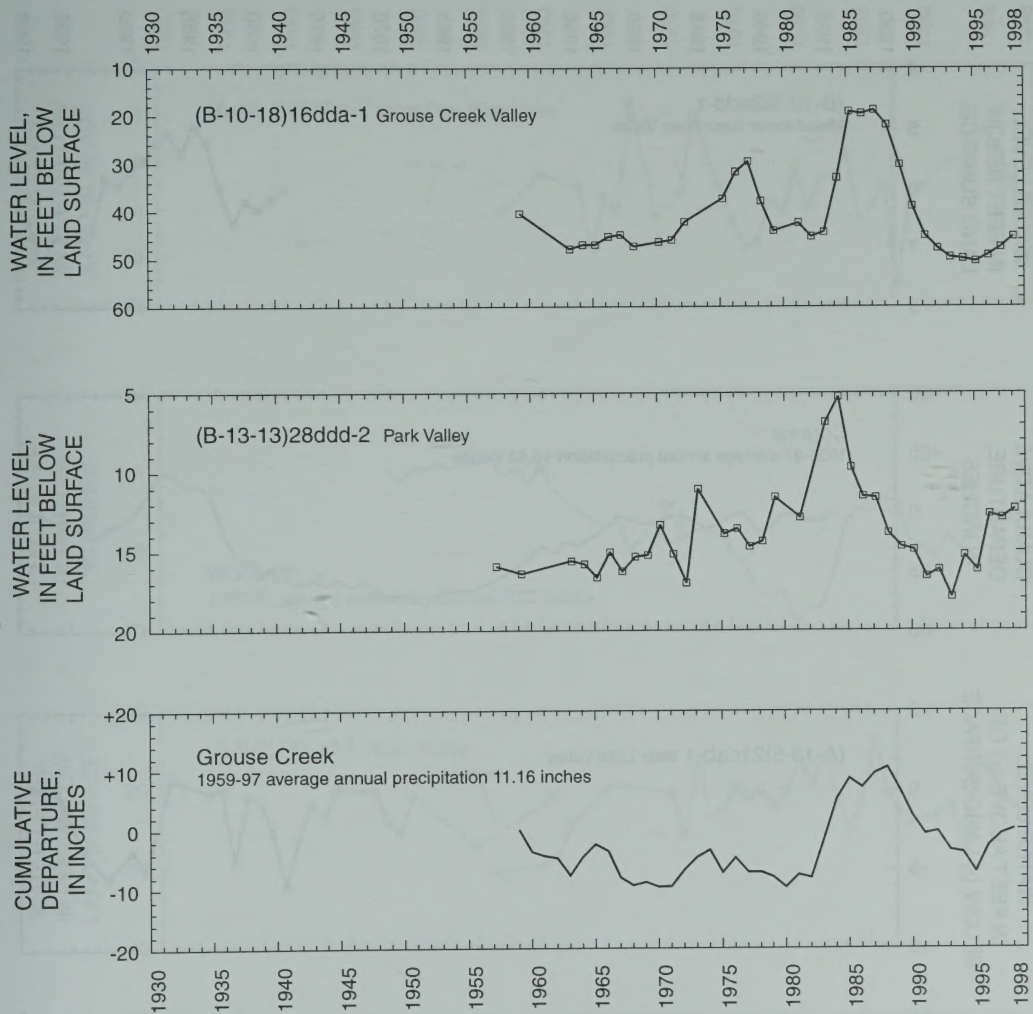
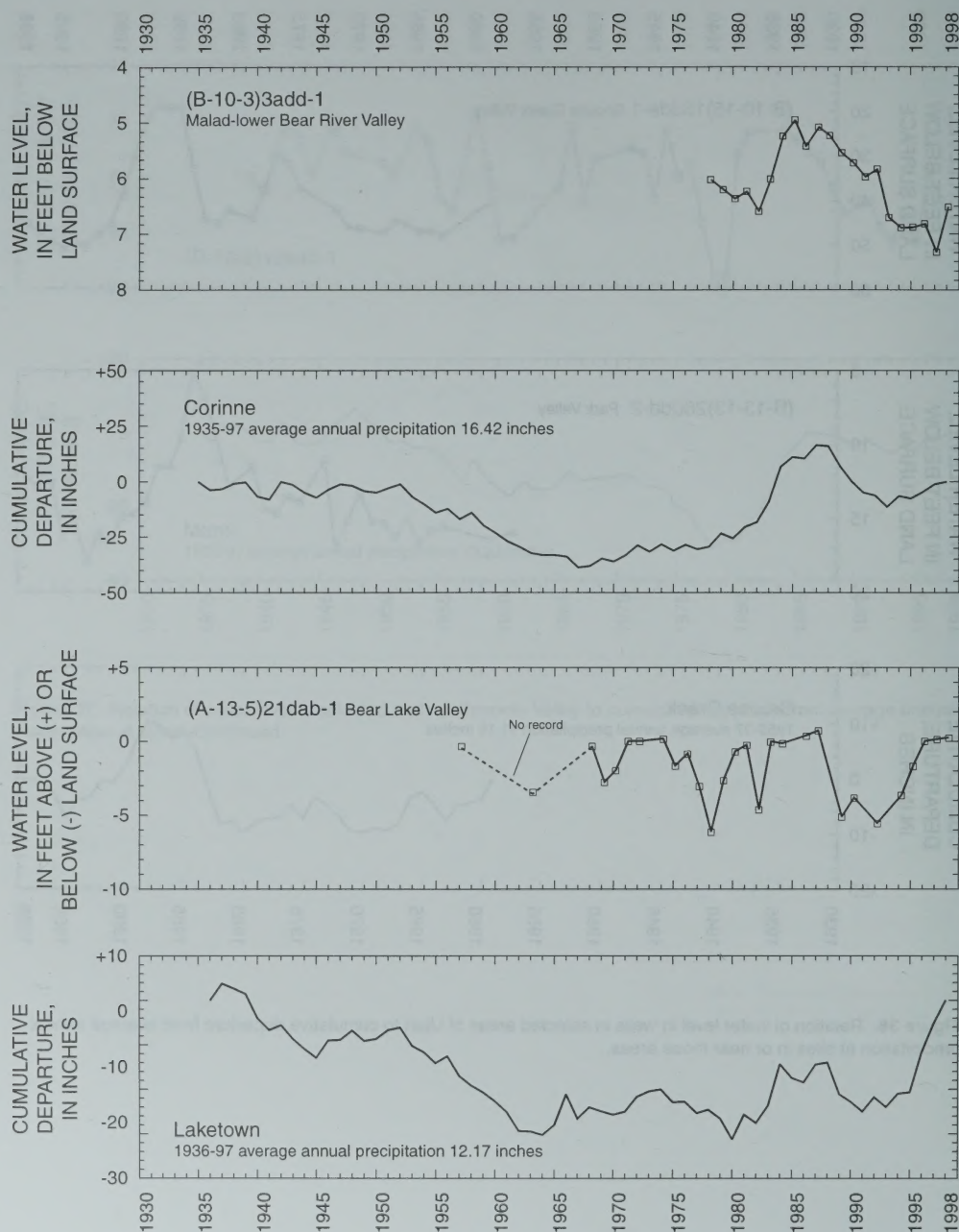


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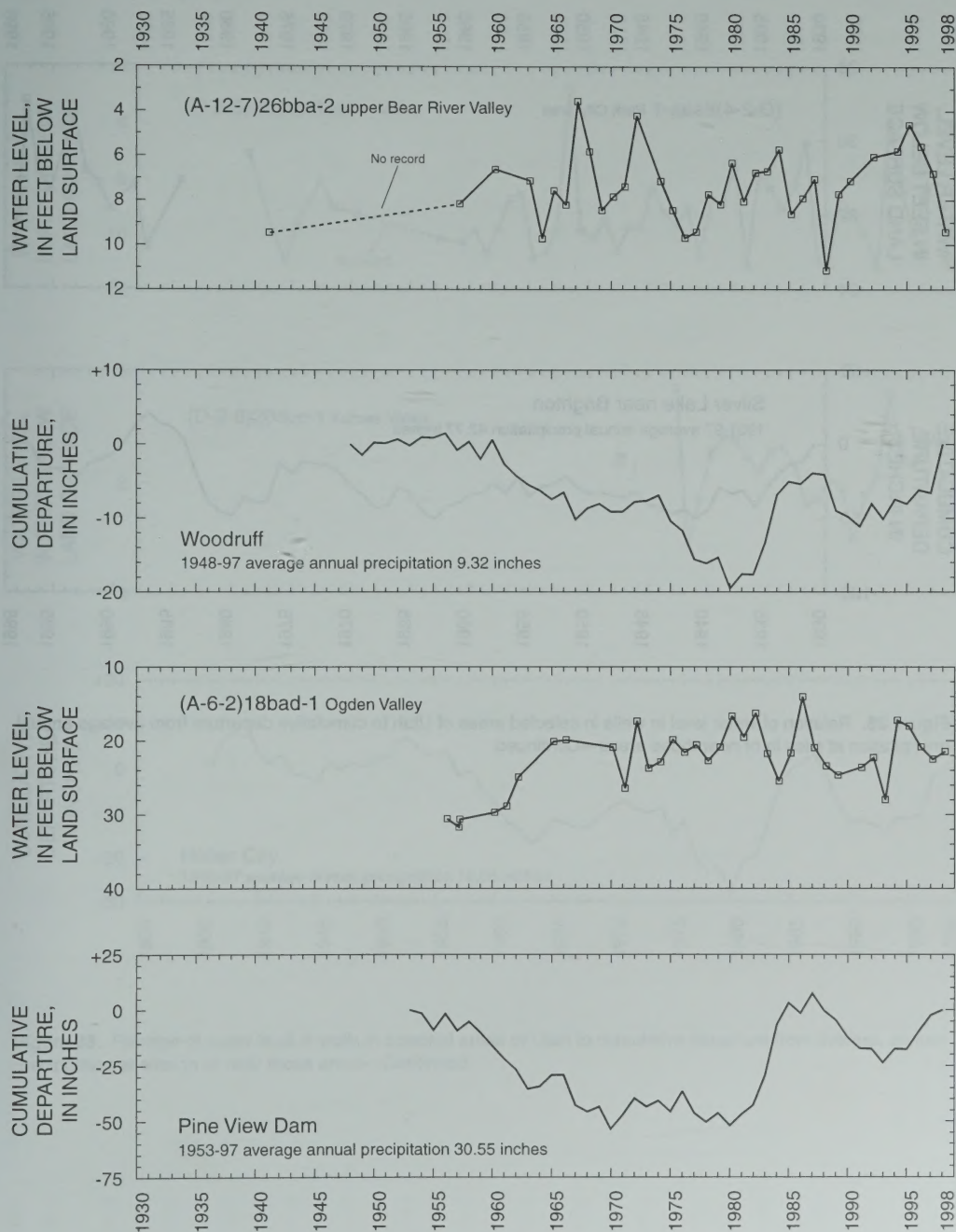


**Figure 38.** Relation of water level in wells in selected areas of Utah to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at sites in or near those areas.

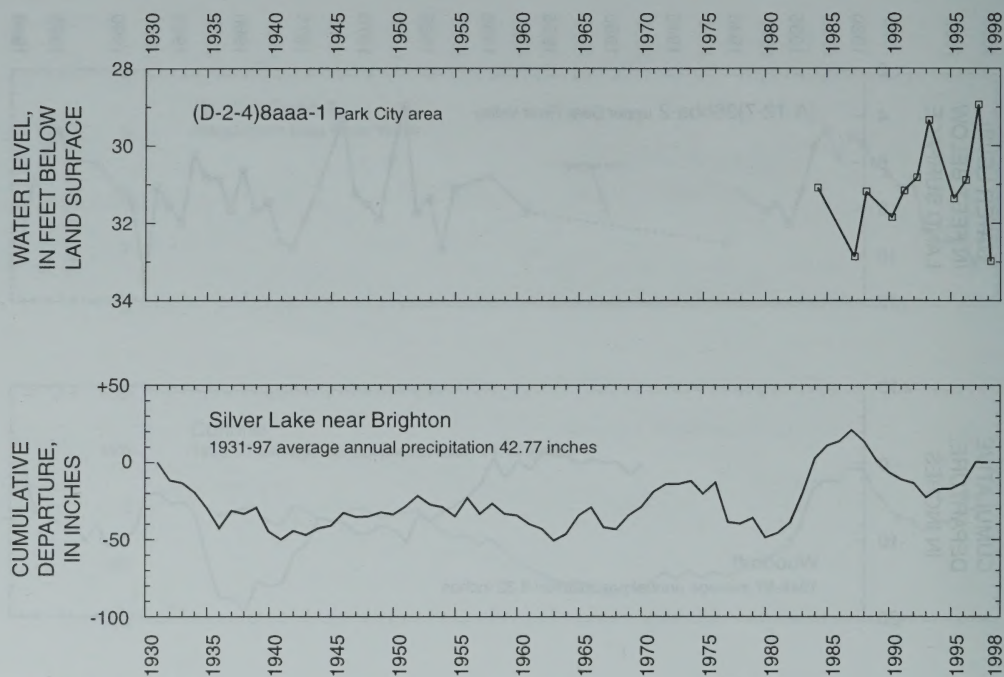


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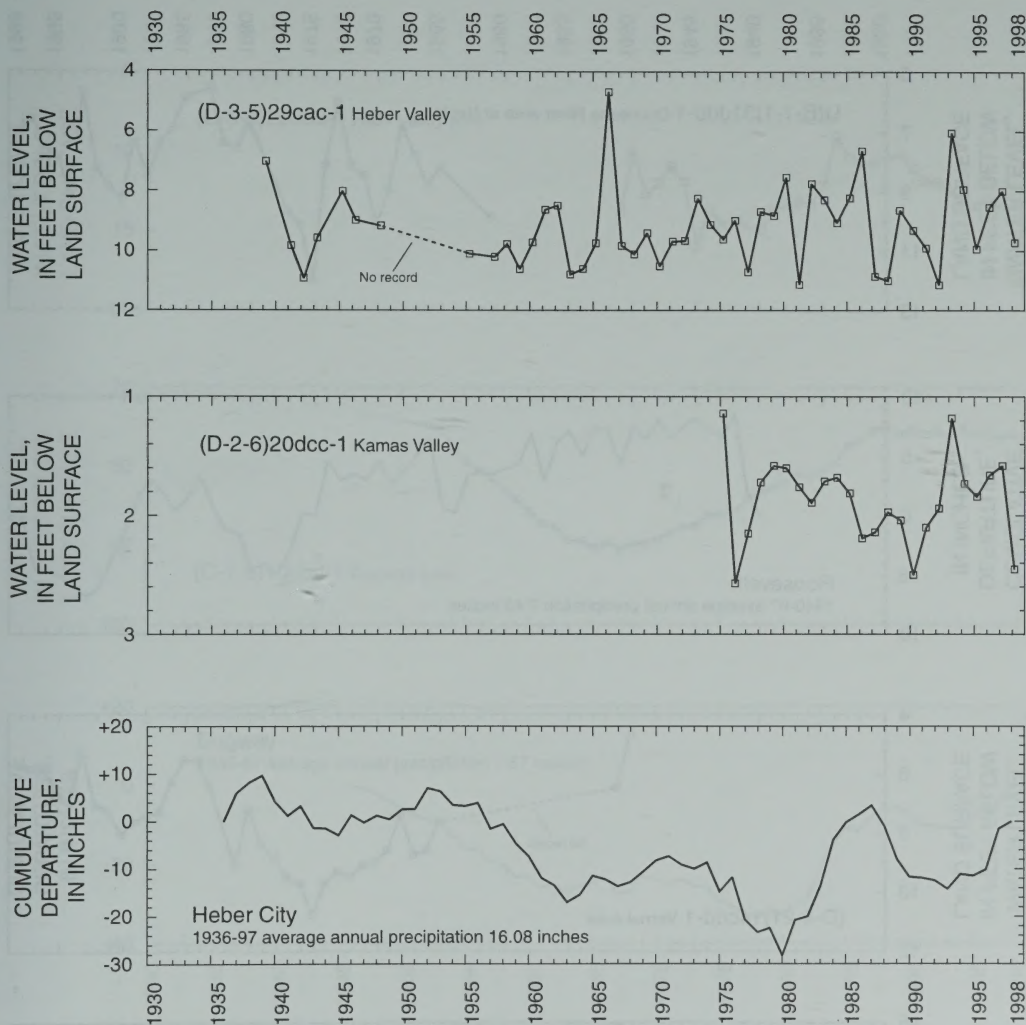


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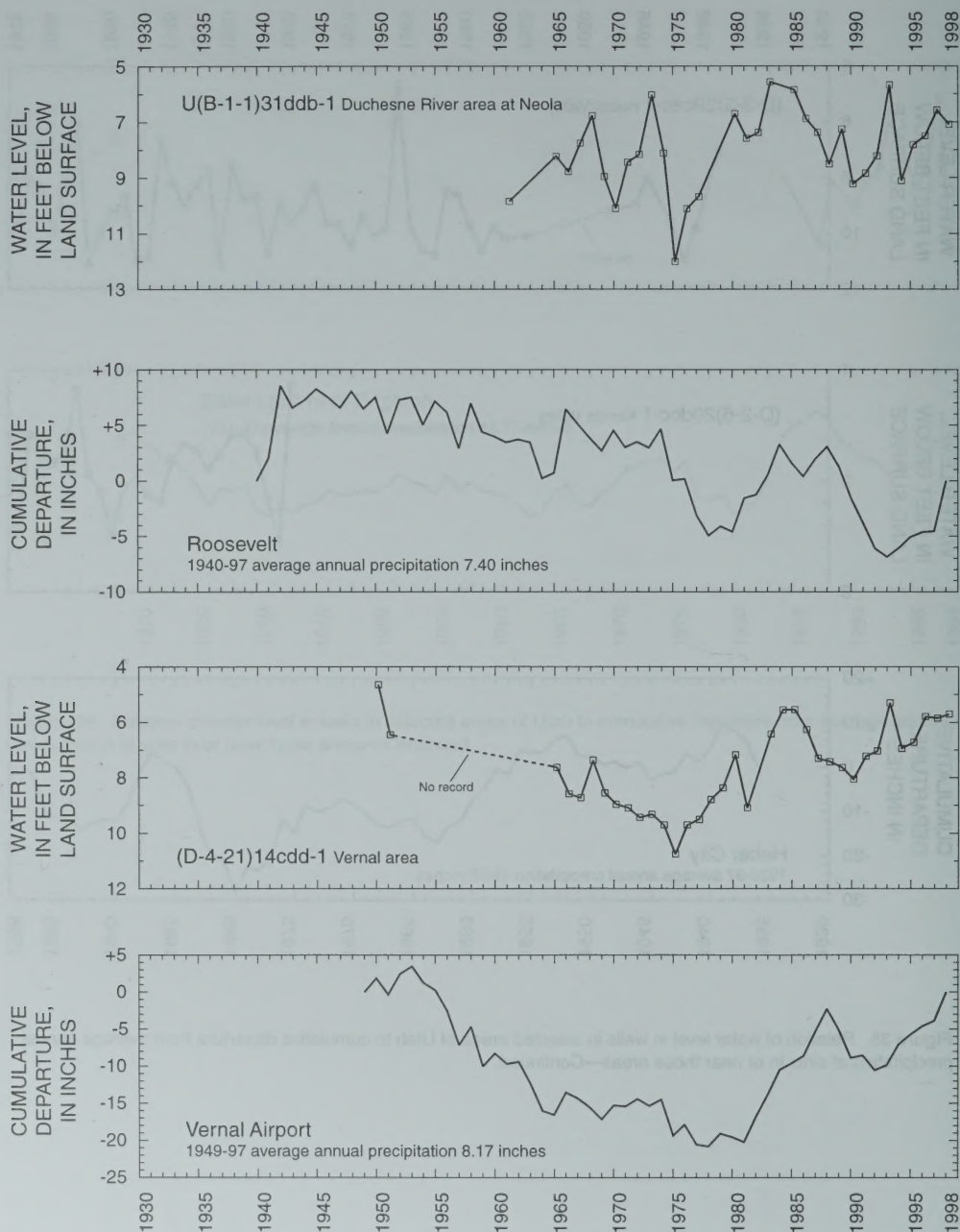


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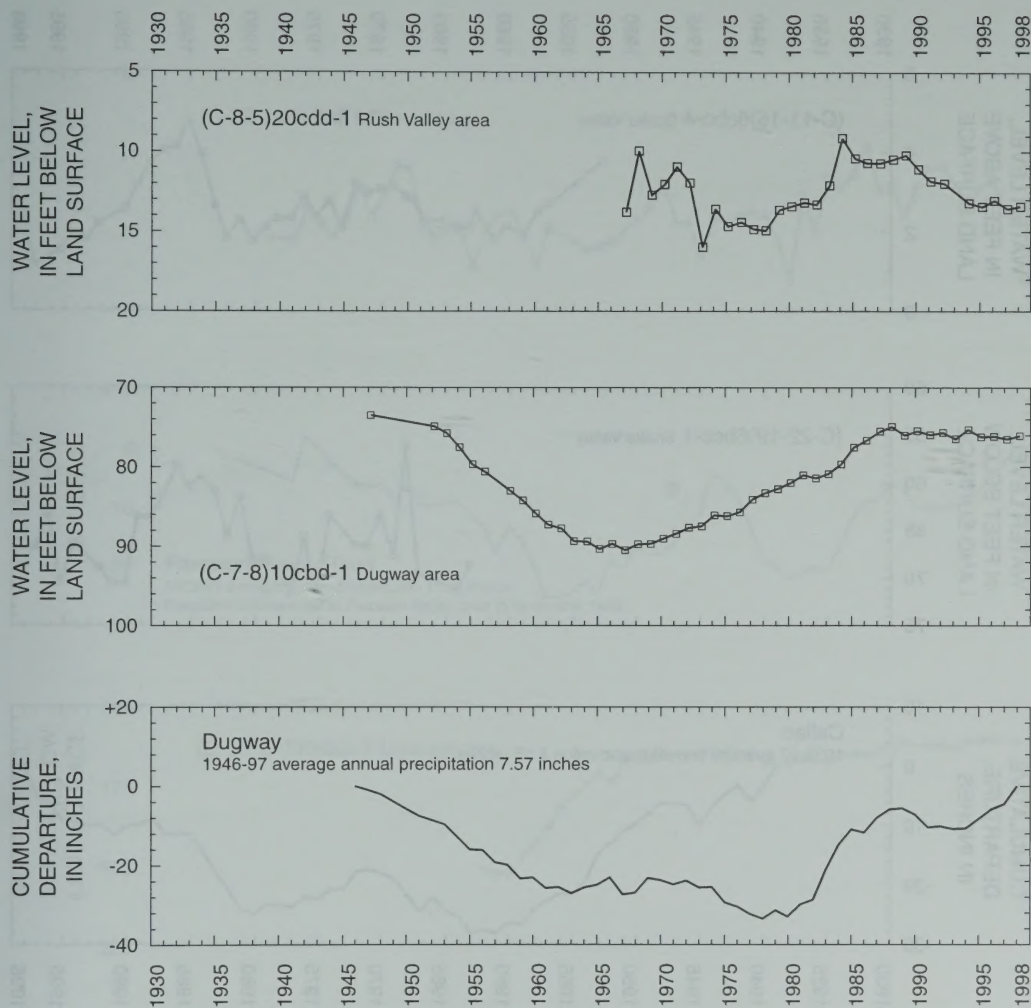




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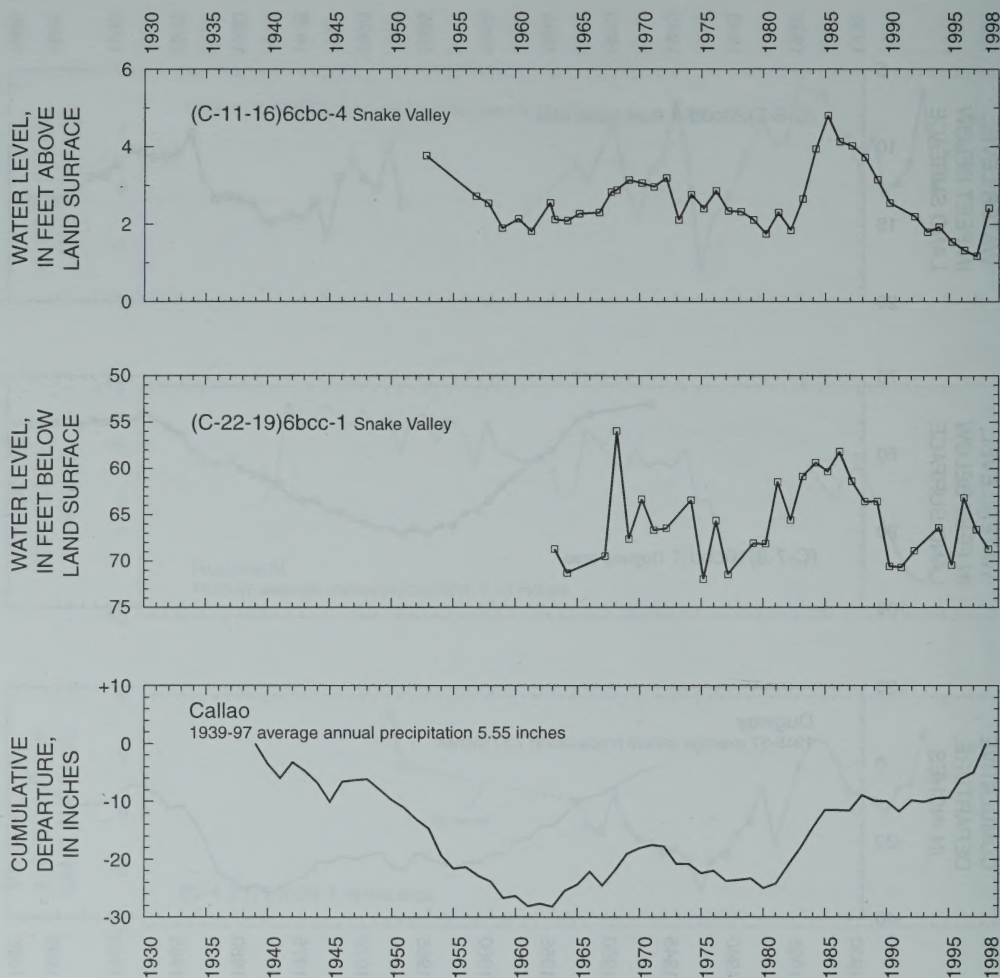


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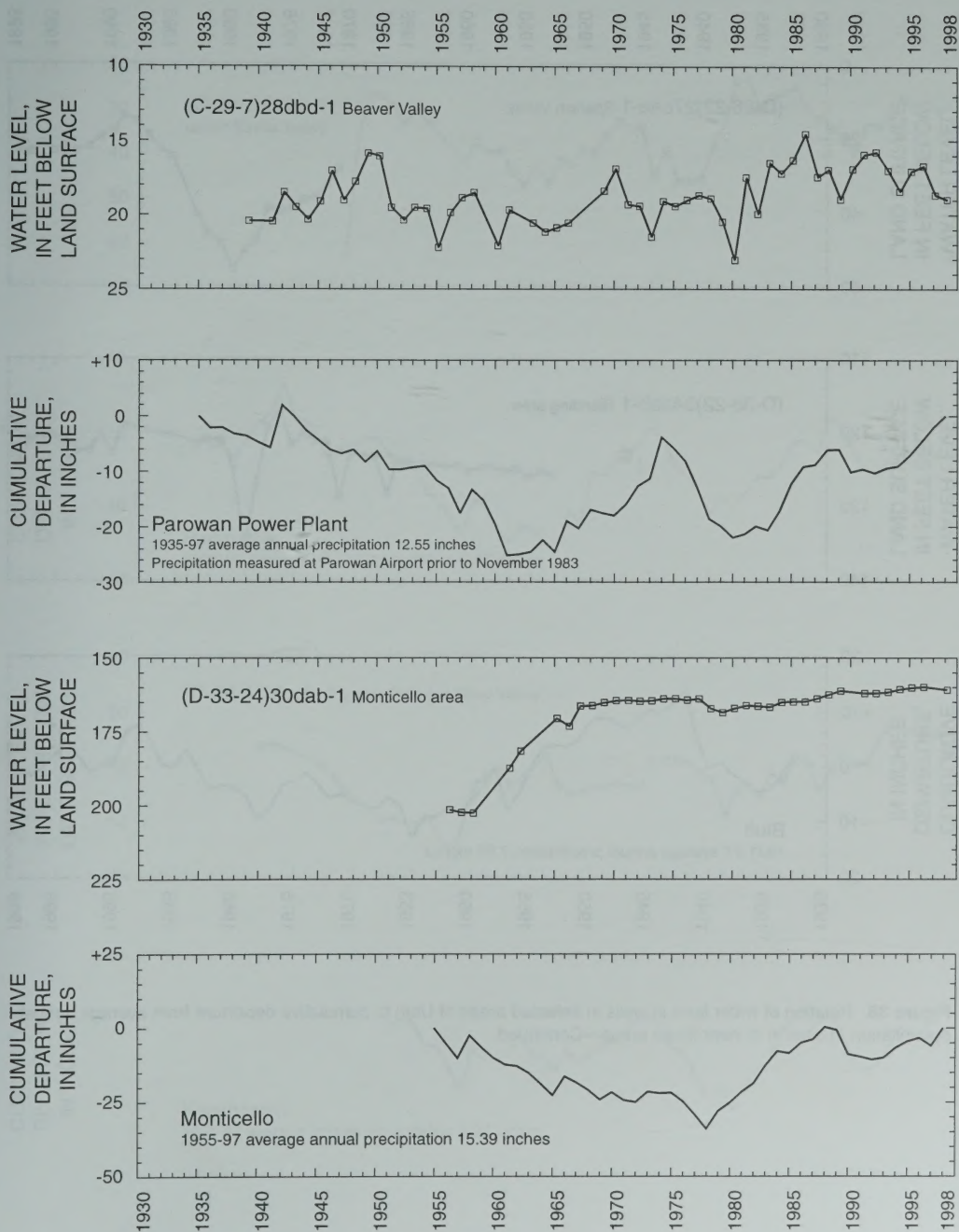


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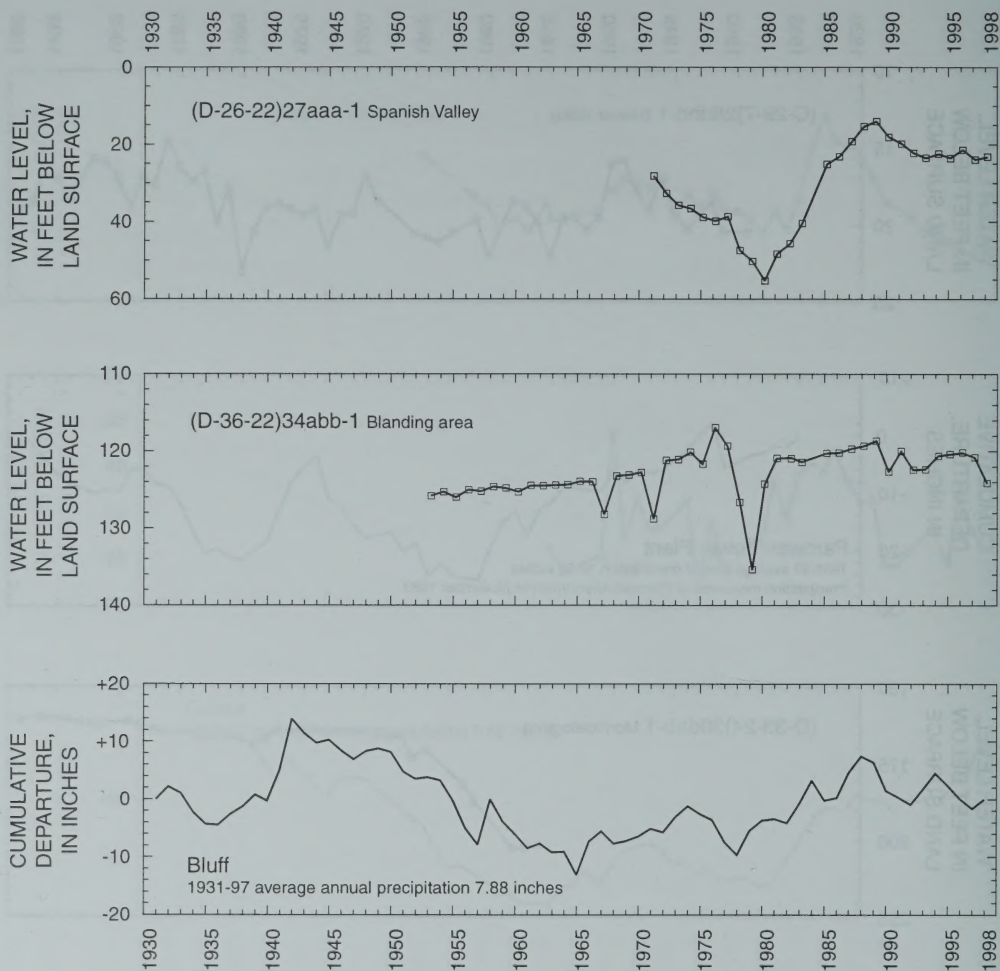




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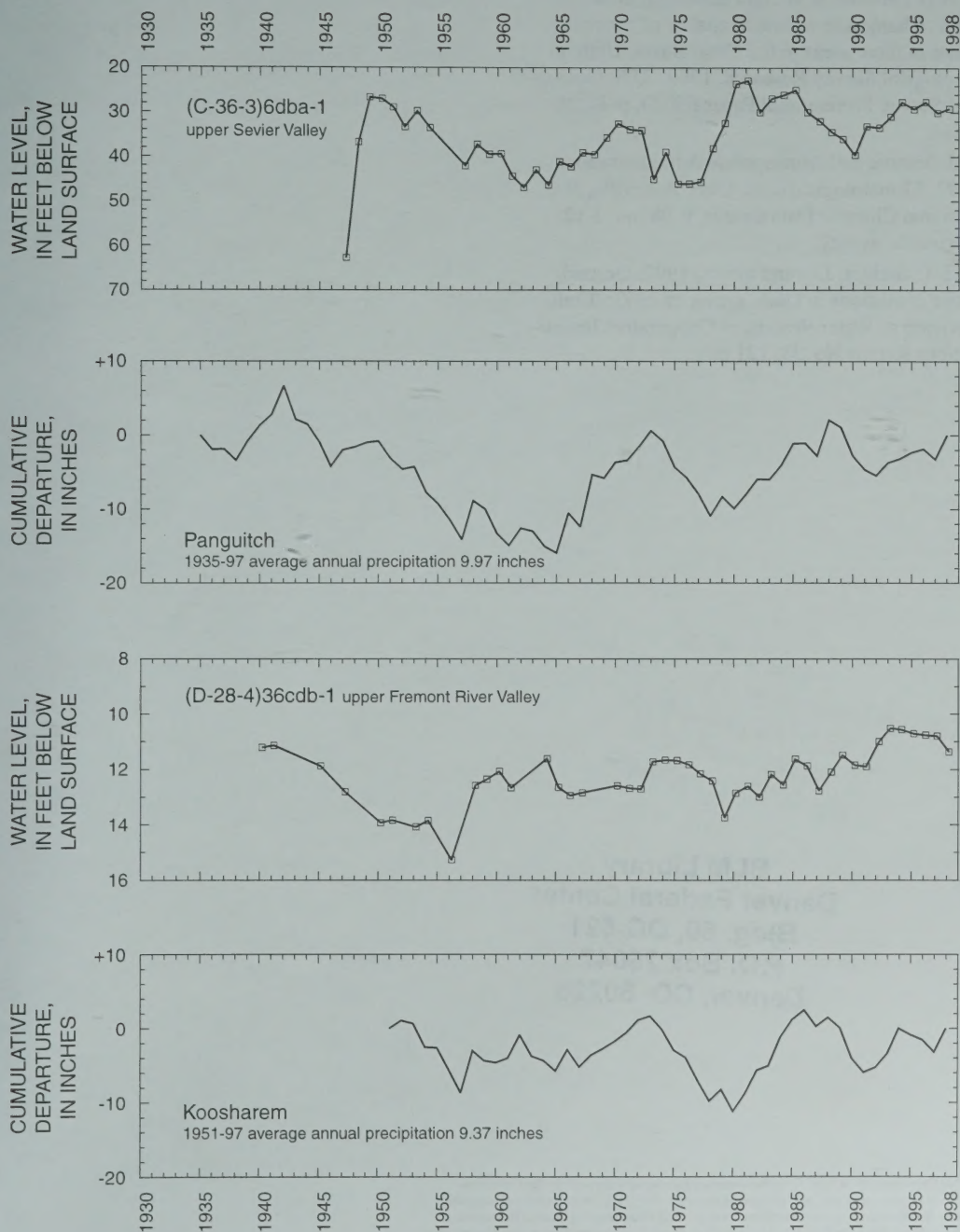


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